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FSSAI PROJECT TO STUDY MICROPLASTIC CONTAMINATION OF FOOD PRODUCTS

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has launched a project to assess microplastic contamination in food products

AIM IS TO GENERATE DATA SPECIFIC TO INDIA

The project aims to develop standard protocols for the analysis of micro and nanoplastics in food products and generate data on exposure levels among consumers in India. "This project will help understand the extent of microplastic contamination in Indian food and guide the formulation of effective regulations and safety standards," the food regulator said

12% SPICES SOLD IN INDIA FAIL SAFETY TESTS

- Close to 12% of spices tested in India failed to meet quality and safety standards set by FSSAI, Reuters news agency reported citing the data it obtained under India's Right to Information Act
- The data shows 474 of 4,054 samples tested by FSSAI between May and July didn't meet quality and safety parameters, Reuters reported

14.5%

SHIPMENTS OF A POPUALR INDIAN SPICE BRAND REJECTED BY U.S. SINCE 2022: REUTERS

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SC takes suo motu cognisance of Kolkata case

CJI-led bench to hear matter on Tuesday; protests against rape-murder of trainee doctor at RG Kar Hospital get bigger

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

AMID widespread outrage over the brutal rape and murder of a resident doctor of Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, the Supreme Court has taken suo motu cognisance of the case and decided to hear the matter on Tuesday. Meanwhile, junior doctors in several states remained off-duty on Sunday disrupting healthcare services.

According to the cause list of August 20 uploaded on the Supreme Court's website on Sunday, a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra will hear the matter titled 'In Re: Alleged rape and murder incident of a trainee doctor in RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata and related issue'.

Several letter petitions have been filed with the Supreme Court urging it to take up the case on a suo-motu basis, given the "brutal and horrific nature" of the incident.

One such letter petition was filed by Dr Monica Singh of Army College of Dental Sciences, Secunderabad, Telangana, seeking the SC's urgent intervention following a series of alarming incidents of brutal attacks on medical professionals, the latest one being the RG Kar hospital incident. The letter petition, accessed by this newspaper, filed through advocate Satyam Singh, said the rape-murder and subsequent attacks on the RG Kar Medical College on August 14 " severely disrupted hospital operations and created an atmosphere of fear among medical staff. There must be immediate deployment of Central Forces to protect R.G. Kar Medical College and its staff ".

The Calcutta High Court had on August 13 ordered transfer of the case and investigation from the Kolkata Police to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), citing laxity on the part of the local police. The HC transferred the investigation to the CBI after hearing petitions filed by the victim's parents and several other individuals.

MHA seeks updates every 2 hours

In view of protests, the Union home ministry has asked states to send constant updates. "A continuous two-hourly law and order situation report may kindly be sent to the MHA control room by fax/ email/ WhatsApp," the communication said

(From left) Doctors protest at Shyambazar area of Kolkata on Sunday against alleged rape and murder of a trainee doctor at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital; supporters of football clubs East Bengal and Mohun Bagan take part in a protest march near Salt Lake stadium, in Kolkata | PTI

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Football fans clash with police amid protests

DOCTORS SUMMONED

Kolkata Police on Sunday issued summonses to renowned doctors Kunal Sarkar and Subarna Goswami and former BJP MP Locket Chatterjee for allegedly spreading false information. The police also summoned Trinamool Congress MP Sukhendu Sekhar Roy, hours after he demanded that the CBI interrogate Kolkata police commissioner Vineet Kumar Goyal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

PROTESTS against the horrific rape and murder of a medic at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital spilled on to the streets on Sunday after the police clamped prohibitory orders and cancelled the much-anticipated football match between East Bengal and Mohun Bagan at the Salt Lake Stadium.

The police action united supporters of traditional arch rivals of the two century-old clubs. In a rare show of solidarity, the supporters—men, women, young and old—of both clubs gathered at the stadium, with the slogan 'We want justice' reverberating in the air.

Around 4 pm on Sunday, the fans started assembling in front of the VIP Gate of the Saltlake Stadium where the Durand Cup derby match was scheduled but called off by the administration, owing to security concerns.

Protestors questioned why the match was cancelled when there was such a large number of police force available. Outside the stadium, India defender and Mohun Bagan captain Subhasish Bose, accompanied by his wife Kasturi Chetri, and All India Football Federation president Kalyan Chaubey joined the protest march. Chaubey said: "Football is beyond politics, religion or any colour. The match should not have been cancelled. If the fans are arrested, it's a shame for the state's law and order."

CBI grills ex-principal Ghosh for third day

In Kolkata, Sandip Ghosh, former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, appeared before the CBI on the third consecutive day and was asked to furnish details of the phone calls he made before, and after the incident at the hospital, an officer of the central probe agency said. Gosh was questioned by the CBI for around 10 hours on Friday. He was again grilled on Saturday

According to police sources, they had intelligence inputs about possible violence during the match. A huge contingent of police personnel was present near the stadium to handle law and order. Chaos erupted when the police forced the supporters to retreat using batons.

Earlier, the Durand Cup Organising Committee said: "This office has been informed by the police that they are unable to provide security cover for the 133rd Indian Oil Durand Cup Group A fixture between Mohun Bagan Super Giant and Emami East Bengal scheduled at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata on Sunday, August 18, 2024."

Some distance away from Salt Lake Stadium, several celebrities, theatre personalities, intellectuals held a protest march from Shyambazar towards RG Kar Medical College & Hospital raising slogans.

Paceful protests were on in various parts of West Bengal till reports last came in.

21-year-old raped by biker in city, accused nabbed within hours

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

A 21-year-old girl student was allegedly raped by an unknown motorist who offered to drop her. The incident took place at an isolated place on Hosur service road in HSR Layout police limits in the early hours of Sunday. Acting swiftly, the police nabbed the accused within a few hours of the incident.

The victim, who is said to be studying final-year BBA at a private college, is a resident of Hebbagodi. Five special teams formed to crack the case gathered information about the accused based on the victim's statement and analysis of CCTV footage. Following credible leads, the accused was nabbed by the police on Sunday evening. The police, however, refused to divulge more information about the accused, stating that the case is still under investigation.

The police said the victim and her male friend had attended a party at a pub in Koramangala. After the party, the friend took her in his car and on the way, he hit an autorickshaw near a mall, leading to an argument between them and the auto drivers. A Hoysala patrolling van also reached the spot on receiving the information and dispersed them. In the melee, it is said, the victim started walking alone and when she reached the NGV Junction, a man on a motorbike approached her and offered to drop her home.

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Mahila Congress workers, led by party leader Pushpa Amarnath, protest against Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, accusing him of being in cahoots with the BJP, in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

CM, Cong to move court today against Guv's order

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah and Congress are all set to start a legal fight by moving the Karnataka High Court on Monday against Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's sanction to prosecute the chief minister in the MUDA case.

After talking to legal experts, including his legal adviser AS Ponnanna, Siddaramaiah decided to file the petition, challenging the governor's decision. Senior counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Kabil Sibal are arriving from New Delhi to represent the CM. The case is likely to be heard on Monday, sources said.

Siddaramaiah, who was scheduled to visit Guru Raghavendra temple in Mantralaya on Monday, cancelled his visit.

Meanwhile, party high command leaders -- AICC general secretaries KC Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala -- held talks with the CM and also AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, who is in town, on the pros and cons of filing the case.

Karnataka politics is heading towards a decisive phase with Siddaramaiah calling for a Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting on August 22, Thursday, to take the party's 136 MLAs into confidence. The meeting is crucial as it will decide if Siddaramaiah should continue or quit as CM, if an FIR is filed against him, a source said. On August 23, Siddaramaiah is leaving for New Delhi to meet Rahul Gandhi, who is the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and his mother Sonia Gandhi, sources added.

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Champai in Delhi amid buzz over BJP switch

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

JHARKHAND Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader and former Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren along with four party MLAs landed in Delhi on Sunday, triggering speculations that he is set to join the BJP months before the state Assembly elections.

After reaching the national capital, Champai took to X to accuse the JMM leadership of humiliating him and forcing him to look for "an alternative path". He also removed the name of the party from his X account.

After Hemant Soren was arrested in January in a corruption case, Champai was asked to take over as the CM.

Champai said, that after Hemant Soren was released on bail on June 28, all his official programmes in the first week of July were abruptly cancelled by the party without his knowledge.

"Can there be anything more humiliating in a democracy than a Chief Minister's programs being cancelled by some other person? Despite swallowing this bitter pill of insult, I said that the appointment letters would be distributed in the morning, while the legislative party meeting would be held in the afternoon, so I would attend it from there. But, I was flatly refused from there," Champai wrote on X.

He said after this incident he was 'broken from within'.

When he asked the party leadership, he was told that a meeting of the legislative party had been called on July 3. Till then he could not attend any programme as the chief minister.

Champai said at that meeting, he was asked to resign and Hemant Soren was elected as the legislative party leader.

Champai wrote that the 'humiliation' he suffered left him with no choice, but to look for an alternative path. "I felt as if I had no existence in that party for which I dedicated my entire life... After facing so much insult and contempt, I was forced to look for an alternative path".

He wrote from that day, he had three options — to retire from politics, to form a new party, or to join another party. He said all options are open.

MORE ON: P11

Barber stabs Dalit youth to death in Koppal

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

A 26-year-old Dalit youth was stabbed to death by a barber at a salon in Koppal district on Saturday. The incident occurred at Sanganal village of Yelburga taluk.

The victim, Yamanurswamy Bandihal, had gone to the salon for a haircut when a fight broke out between him and the murder accused, Mudakappa Hadapad. Villagers said the altercation ended with Hadapad stabbing Bandihal in the stomach with scissors. The victim, who bled profusely, died on the spot.

Yamanurswamy Bandihal

Mudakappa Hadapad

The brother of the deceased, Hanumant, filed a complaint at the Yelburga police station. Senior police officials, including SP Ram L Arasiddi, visited the village and met the victim's family members. The village had turned tense following the murder and the situation was brought under control after the police held a meeting with the villagers.

Local Dalit families demanded justice for Bandihal. An official from the Yelburga Social Welfare Department said the District Social Welfare Department has been informed about the incident. "We met the victim's mother Yallavva and brother Hanumant at their residence and paid our condolences," the official said.

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EXPRESS READ

Coast Guard DG passes away in Chennai

Chennai: Director General of Indian Coast Guard Rakesh Pal (59) died following a cardiac arrest here on Sunday afternoon. Pal, who took charge as the 25th Indian Coast Guard (ICG) chief on July 19 last year, was in the city for the inauguration of the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre building | P9

Hosps in Rajasthan get bomb threat emails

Jaipur: Several hospitals across Rajasthan received email bomb threats on Sunday, which turned out to be a hoax. Bomb disposal teams cordoned off the hospitals to check the premises, but found nothing suspicious. The emails had said that bombs had been planted under hospital beds and in bathrooms, police said | P12

BLIND SPOT

Wearing dark shirt, driving car? AI cams fail to spot seatbelt, fine many

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

A wave of traffic fines for seatbelt violations has swept Bengaluru, Mysuru and other parts of Karnataka, with many drivers claiming that they were wrongly penalised by AI surveillance cameras. Several drivers have taken to social media to express their frustration over receiving challans, despite wearing seatbelts. The challans were issued by the traffic department's new artificial intelligence system, which monitors compliance with safety regulations independently with the help of latest technology.

A Facebook profile, going by the name siliconcity.bengaluru, complained, "Bengaluru traffic AI cameras are issuing false seatbelt ticket challans. The false tickets are due to the similar colour of the seatbelt and shirt or coat one is wearing. The issue arises from the cameras' inability to distinguish the two."

Another netizen, Prithvi Chandrashekar, said, "I request people driving cars in Mysuru to check their challans. After seeing this post, I checked my car's challan and, to my surprise, even I have a challan for not wearing a seatbelt from ITMS Udaya Ravi Road (AI-based).

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Soon, safety harness must to carry kids on bikes

The transport department is working on implementing the mandatory safety harness rule for those riding with children above nine months and within four years on two-wheelers. In the first step, officials have started creating awareness on importance of safety harnesses | P2

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Monday: 19.08.2024 • Year: Krodhi • Ayana: Dakshinayana
Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Shravana • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Purnima 12.29 am
Nakshatra: Shravana 8.52 am • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 22°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST
Thunderstorms. Cloudy

Sunrise 06.08 am
Sunset 06.38 pm
Moonrise 06.32 pm
Moonset 05.26 am

Stalled piped gas supply in parts of city to start soon

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

APARTMENTS dotting the Outer Ring Road, JP Nagar and Kanakapura Road have been waiting to received Piped Natural Gas (PNG) for a few years now. Despite all the infrastructure for the connections provided up to their doorstep, the Gail Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has not been able to provide the gas as it did not get permission from the BBMP to dig some roads to lay a low pressure pipeline, said multiple homeowners.

A homeowner at Nagarajuna Premier apartment in J P Nagar VIth Phase said, "The connection has been given up to our doorstep. When I checked with GAIL, I was told they did not get the necessary permission from BBMP to lay a low pressure pipeline. Until that is laid, they will not be able to supply us PNG."

He added that he has been waiting for the piped gas for four years now. "A total of 100 out of 126 flats in our residential complex have paid the initial fee of Rs 500 years ago and will pay the original charge of Rs 5,000 per household after the gas is supplied. The final fee may have increased and we are ready to pay that too. We are keen on switching to PNG as it is safer and economical over conventional gas."

Abdul Aleem, president of Changemakers of Kanakapura Road and a resident of HM Tambourine Apartments, said households have been waiting for gas connections for quite some time now. "Our apartment and many others are still awaiting the promised gas supply. The connection has been laid for every flat, but there is some problem in supplying it," he said.

BBMP Chief Engineer (Roads and Infrastructure) B S Prahalad said there has been delays by GAIL in the past to stick to the deadlines given by the BBMP to lay their infrastructure. "They could not meet the deadlines specified due to multiple reasons. We are not blaming them as they may have had issues. But they had to reapply for the permissions. We have given the same in 33 cases too. We have asked them to stick to deadlines this time around and to speed up everything."

A source at GAIL said, "The issues with the BBMP have been sorted out now. We have even begun work in some places and work will proceed smoothly from now on."

Officials get a demonstration on securing a child with safety harness | EXPRESS

SAFETY HARNESS TO BE MUST FOR TAKING CHILDREN ON BIKES

Transport officials work to implement Union govt order, create awareness

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

SOON, those riding with children above nine months and within four years on two-wheelers will have to mandatorily use safety harnesses.

Sources from the transport department revealed that as per the Union government order, states must make safety harnesses mandatory, but it has not been implemented till now. Work is going on to implement this and awareness campaigns have already begun.

In the absence of a safety harness, there are high chances of children to fall from two-wheelers. In general, children are made to sit in the front on the fuel tanks in case of bikes, or are made to stand in scooters near the space reserved for the footrest. While braking, there are chances for children losing balance and falling from running vehicles and the safety harness will help the child attached to the rider, the source explained.

Also, unlike adults, children tend to fall asleep during the ride and fall. "We have seen people riding their vehicles holding the child in one hand," he added.

Officials of the transport department across the state have started to create awareness about the importance of safety harnesses. Awareness programs are being held at some of the Deputy Commissioners' offices and soon it will spread to all the DC offices in the state. There are plans to rope in the education and police departments to create awareness and enforce the the rule, he said.

After creating enough awareness, transport department officials will start penalising those who do not fall in line. The safety harness should be of Bureau of Indian Standards and should have straps to adjust to the size and weight of the child (up to 30 kg).

At over ₹1cr, BDA's Nagarbhavi flats a sellout

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

ALL 120 3BHK flats built by Bangalore Development Authority were sold within one year of commencement of sale, including its priciest ones to date costing over Rs 1 crore.

Billed the 'Nagarbhavi Flats', its prime location at the entrance of Chandra Layout in Nagarbhavi and proximity to the Metro network and Outer Ring Road are cited as the key reasons for the high demand. A top official told *TNIE*, "We sold the last flat last Saturday. This is the first time in our history that we are selling flats for above Rs 1 crore. The response has been terrific, and more than 20 of the 120 flats were purchased by judges and advocates."

The flats are located in one ten-floor tower with 12 flats on each floor. The Rs 54.75-crore project was completed in August 2023 and the sale of flats began immediately.

"With the Nayandahalli Metro Station just 1km away and Outer Ring Road in its vicinity, connectivity has proved its biggest plus point. Three parks nearby and the Durga Parameshwari Temple too proved to be big draws," he said. Among the amenities are in-house gym and roads within the apartment block.

The base price for the flat is Rs 1.04 crore, with an additional Rs 2.5 lakh for a car park. "This base price applies to flats up to the fifth floor. Beyond that, flats are levied an additional fee for the view of the city they offer. The maximum cost of a flat is Rs 1.15 crore," another official said. Flats facing North and East were priced an extra 5 per cent. "Due to Vaastu, people don't buy flats facing other directions, hence we are pricing these a bit higher to goad the public to buy flats facing South and West which are slightly cheaper," he added.

The highest price for a BDA property previously was Rs 50 lakh for a 3BHK duplex flat (single flat with two floors) at Alur. The villas at Hunnigere, which will also be priced above Rs 1 crore, are likely to be sold from October. "We are getting external power supply connections installed by Bescom, and it is likely to be completed by end of September. We hope to launch it by October," said a top official.

BINDING TIES

People shop for rakhis on the eve of Raksha Bandhan on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

PES wants proposed Hosakerehalli Metro stn shifted from its entrance

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

EVEN as Bengaluru Metro's Rs 15,611-crore Phase-3 project got the green signal from the Centre on Friday, it encountered a hurdle recently. Since the state had already given its nod to the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd to begin the process of land acquisition, the ball has been set rolling on that front. The PES University has now strongly objected to the presence of the Hosakerehalli Metro station right at the entrance of its Outer Ring Road campus.

The Pro-Chancellor of the university has written to BMRCL as well as Minister of State for Railways V Somanna this month to relocate the proposed station.

TNIE has a copy of the letter Pro-Chancellor Prof Jawahar Doreswamy wrote to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) Managing Director Maheshwar Rao on the issue on August 1.

Sources said BMRCL requires 720 sqm of land belonging to PES University for an entry of the Hosakerehalli station. Phase-3 will have two elevated corridors - one running to 32.15 km on the Outer Ring Road and another of 12.5 km on Magadi Road. Hosakerahalli station figures on the ORR Corridor and is positioned between Dwaraka Nagar and Kamakya Junction stations.

Prof Doreswamy told *TNIE*, "Nearly 15,000 students enter the campus from this side. We have asked BMRCL to shift their station to the vacant government land nearby which remains unutilised for decades. They do not have to pay any compensation too in that case. We are asking them to shift the station 50 metres to the left. Or they can move it to the right by 100 metres. The present location proposed by them would lead to permanent closure of the main gate of the university and increase traffic congestion on the ORR causing a bottleneck in peak hours."

He also added that university had already contributed 1.5 acres to BDA years ago for the Ring Road. "We have still not get any compensation for it."

The letter explained that there were two flyovers — Girinagar and Veerabadranagar — in close proximity to the campus and within 20 metres from the proposed Metro station. "This will lead to overcrowding and add to the traffic congestion," it pointed out.

A source told *TNIE*, "It is just too late to change anything. The whole alignment has been finalised. Making any change will mean taking clearance again from the state and all agencies again. It will delay the project."

We have asked BMRCL to shift their station to the vacant government land nearby. They do not have to pay any compensation in that case

Prof Jawahar Doreswamy, Pro-Chancellor, PES University

Hosakerehalli Metro station is slated to come up at the entrance of PES University's Outer Ring Road campus

Message for truth and justice mark Hussain Day

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TO mark the 32nd Hussain Day on Sunday, leaders from various communities emphasised that all religions share a common message of 'truth and justice'.

An important occasion for Shia Muslims, Hussain Day commemorates Imam Hussain, the grandson of Prophet Muhammad, who was killed in a battle. The battle is seen as a fight against injustice. On this day, Shia Muslims hold special ceremonies, recite prayers, and may fast or give to charity. Sunni Muslims also observe the day, often by fasting and reflecting on its significance.

The event was held at Shia Aramgh Eidgah in Richmond Town and leaders from various religions along with AICC secretary Mansoor Ali Khan and MLC and political secretary to the Chief Minister, Naseer Ahmed.

Khan emphasised the importance of organising such events where the focus is on unity and brotherhood as these values embody the essence of India. Ahmed also underscored the significance of every religion, noting that differences between minority and majority are irrelevant as each religion imparts crucial lessons on truth and purity.

Religious leaders participate in an event to mark the 32nd Hussain Day at Shia Aramgh Eidgah in Richmond Town on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

19TH August : If you ever wonder what life on earth has got to do with the stars, then think about this: the origin of every atom, through and piece of energy in your body lies in the Big Bang which physicists believe began our universe. Everything in the world is therefore interconnected, and that really does mean everything! Including people and planets!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The time for decisions affecting your entire life is over. Now you should be more specific and, over the next month or so, you may find that financial issues are becoming increasingly pressing. However, the longer you leave them, the more information will come your way.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Making choices is never easy, but sometimes it's necessary. Over the next three days you are going to have to come down off the fence and commit yourself one way or the other, even on minor matters. Once you've made up your mind, life will be considerably less complex.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Money matters rise up the agenda. A great deal hangs on whether you are concentrating on saving or spending. One planet indicates one thing, another points to something completely different. All very enigmatic, I know, but the answer is that you'll have to listen to your own conscience.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your social and emotional influences are almost perfect but sufficiently flawed to remind you that you're just like any other human being. By all means reach for the stars, but keep a sense of perspective. The more realistic you are, the better your chances of success.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You are bound to feel less hurt by chance events or sayings if you realise that you're misunderstanding partners' intentions. It may seem that other people are going behind your back, but that's probably only because you're not being kept properly informed.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
If you are contemplating a new involvement in a group or society, then throw yourself in with gusto. The pleasure you gain from such contacts should far outweigh the obligations. Spare a thought for ethical issues today, and check whether your actions are right - or wrong.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Mercury is linked to Venus, planet of charm, and the Sun, symbol of pride. You should therefore be full of your own ideas and you can plan ahead and plot a personal professional coup. Even in spare-time activities, you will have a chance to make a name for yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Other people are bound to take first place. Indeed, it seems desirable from your point of view that they do so. Your horoscope, you see, sometimes advises you to be selfish, but right now a spot of selflessness is the best way to achieve your goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There is no escape from the daily grind today. Actually this is a rather positive forecast, for the more you accomplish now, the better able you'll be to take some time off in a couple of days' time. You see, your dreams will be so much more successful if you prepare the ground with care.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Pleasure is where it's at today. You do have a puritanical streak, but self-indulgence has its place in the scheme of things, and right now you should follow the old dictum that a lot of what you fancy does you a great deal of good! Plus, at work, make sure your ideas are heard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
First things first. You should deal with fundamental issues before you attempt to build castles in the air. Actually, I suspect that you have already realised that this is the only way to proceed, and that you are well in tune with the new mood of down-to-earth realism.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You really do need to be more practical and objective about long-term dreams. It is far too easy for you to spend your life living for tomorrow, but tomorrow, as the song says, is a long time away. So, how about the present? Are you going to offer a loved one your support? I hope so.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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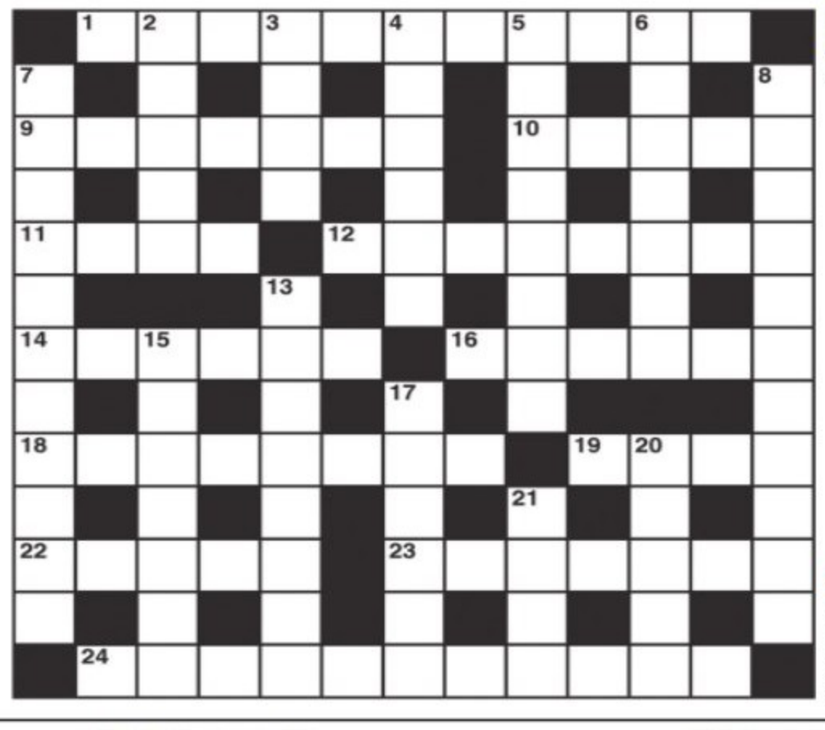
SUDOKU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Seems put out - may become violent (11)
9 The south wind heading east looks serious (7)
10 Not so high clouds may threaten so (5)
11 Vessel - we're bringing stern round (4)
12 Fish and chip preparation cooked with lard (8)
14 People enter for this sort of sport (6)
16 Holy smoke! It could be responsible (6)
18 Standard feature of most city streets (8)
19 But a cocktail is forbidden (4)
22 Publication is by a girl (5)
23 A piece of yarn (7)
24 A record turnover? (7,4)

DOWN

2 Happen to come later (5)
3 One entitled to look closely (4)
4 Odd pieces of money (6)
5 Lone duck out in the open (8)
6 Takes out from the paper (7)
7 Sort of help that's not fancied? (8,3)
8 The ways of business (5,6)
13 Effect is perfect (8)
15 The estate needs me to rearrange it (7)
17 Teachers having no head make bloomers (6)
20 A gaping hole to keep away from (5)
21 Small amounts put on horses (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Willow, 4 Accredit, 9 Nebula, 10 Underact, 12 Lilt, 13 Rural, 14 Etna, 17 Step on the gas, 20 Joint concern, 23 Rook, 24 Giant, 25 Otto, 28 Overlook, 29 Cobweb, 30 Shove off, 31 Eluded.

Down: 1 Windlass, 2 Labelled, 3 Oils, 5 Convalescent, 6 Reel, 7 Dearth, 8 Titian, 11 Putting it off, 15 Rotor, 16 Gaunt, 18 Bestowed, 19 Entombed, 21 Brooks, 22 Pomelo, 26 Blue, 27 Toll.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Unless there are some new rules I don't know about, I think I win.
Royal flush! I've never seen anyone get one before.
No kidding, Steve.
WINNING THE POT WITH A ROYAL FLUSH WAS AS GOOD AS IT GETS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: ELDER SNIFF FRUGAL TATTOO
Answer: When the tourists saw Paris' famous tower lit up at night, they — GOT AN "EIFFEL"

About 25 students of a private institution located in Jnanabharathi police station limits were hospitalised after they reportedly suffered stomach pain and vomiting due to food poisoning, on Sunday. The students were rushed to Adarsh College of Nursing for treatment.

Protesting city docs want duty rooms, safety at hosps

Say many cases of violence against them go unreported

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AS nationwide protests by resident doctors continue following the rape and murder of a PG student at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, the resident doctors have raised multiple concerns including the lack of doctors' duty rooms (DDRs), particularly for women. The doctors also pointed out that many government medical colleges and hospitals have 'red spots'—areas without adequate lighting and surveillance, that remain unaddressed and need urgent attention.

The medical community reported that many cases of violence against them go unreported, largely due to the lack of a robust legal framework. The protesting doctors called out for the implementation of a 'central healthcare protection act' — a proposed law aimed at protecting healthcare professionals from violence and harassment. The medical community argued that the act has been under discussion since 2018 but has yet to move beyond the discussion stage.

When TNIE contacted doctors, they raised several concerns. A female resident doctor, who wished to remain anonymous, reported that many wards lack dedicated DDRs. She mentioned that "Although some departments do have DDRs, these are often shared between male and female doctors. When a DDR is available, it must be shared." She also noted that DDRs often lack proper locks, leading to instances where patient families enter these spaces, as there is no security system outside.

Further highlighting safety concerns, another doctor from NIMHANS pointed out that the institute campus has a public road that runs through it. "This main road links Hosur Road and Lakkasandra, and goes through NIMHANS main road. On one side of the road, are the Outpatient Department (OPDs) and hostel, while the Indoor Patient Department (IPD), Emergency, and Neurosurgery departments are on the other side of the road," a doctor, who is also the member of Resident Doctors Association (RDA) NIMHANS, said and argued that the absence of a tracking system for individuals entering the campus is a concern.

Many doctors reported experiencing attacks from relatives or caretakers of patients, but they mentioned that they often choose not to report these incidents and instead try to understand the stress and situation of the individuals involved. However, they noted the incidents often go unreported because of a lack of legal support and from the institution's side. They highlighted and emphasised the need for stricter surveillance within the hospital premises.

Bengalis residing in the city hold a candle-light vigil against the recent rape and murder of a doctor at RG KAR Hospital in Kolkata, at Freedom Park on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Case against people who threw scooters off city flyover

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Nelamangala traffic police tracked down the owner of one of the vehicles that was involved in performing dangerous stunts on the Bengaluru-Tumakuru National Highway on August 15. The vehicles were thrown off the flyover at Adakamaranahalli by enraged motorists. Meanwhile, the Madanayakanahalli police registered a suo motu case against unknown persons who threw the scooters.

A police officer said that after tracing the vehicle numbers, both the owners were informed to appear for inquiry. One of the vehicle owners, whose son was involved in performing stunts, appeared and was asked to bring the offenders. The police have registered a case under Sections 184, 187, and 189 of the IMV Act.

On August 15, motorists threw the two scooters off the flyover and onto the service road 20 ft below, after a rider performing wheelies collided with another vehicle, causing a minor accident. Enraged by the recklessness of the rider, other road users surrounded the youth, who fled the scene. The crowd threw the scooters off the flyover. Later, the police rushed to the spot and seized the vehicles. The Madanayakanahalli police have registered a case against unknown persons under multiple sections of BNS for throwing the vehicles.

Irked motorists fling scooters from the Nelamangala flyover

Four of family killed as their car collides with bus in Gadag district

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Gadag

IN a tragic incident, four members of a family were killed on the spot when the car in which they were travelling rammed a NWKRTC bus near Konnur village of Gadag district on Sunday morning.

The deceased have been identified as Rudrappa Angadi (55), his wife Rajeshwari (45) and their children Aishwarya (16) and Vijay (12).

The family was on its way to Kallapur Basaveshwar Temple of Naragund taluk. They resided at Maruti Nagar in Haveri town and visited Kallapur every year during the month of Shravan. Rudrappa was working as an electrical contractor.

Some farmers on Konnur Road, who rushed to the spot after hearing a loud sound, said that the car and the bus collided with each other during dawn following which the car's front portion was fully crushed. Police reached the spot and confirmed that all four died on the spot. The farmers and police had to struggle for some time to retrieve the bodies from the car.

The bus which collided with a car, killing four people in Konnur on Sunday

The NWKRTC bus was coming from Ilkal. Konnur Road is a national highway near Naragund on which vehicles travel fast. This road has witnessed many accidents, particularly after night falls and also during rainy seasons.

Former chief minister and Haveri-Gadag MP Basavaraj Bommai took to social media platform X to pay condolences to the bereaved family. He demanded that the state government should investigate the case and give compensation to the family members of the victims.

5 depots coming up to maintain Metro trains

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

TO cater to the stabling and maintenance of trains to be put into commercial operations up to 2041, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is getting five new depots ready to augment its existing three depots. The Baiyappanahalli depot, being remodelled completely with two levels, is unique as it will take care of two Metro lines operating in opposite directions.

A top official told TNIE, "The location of the existing Baiyappanahalli depot will be retained. The remodelled depot, being built at a cost of Rs 249.19 crore, will be the first one in our network to have two levels. It will cater only to the 16 trains that will be run on Outer Ring Road (Phase-2A) and 21 trains on Airport Lines (Phase-2B). Both run in opposite directions, and this depot will be in the middle of both."

99% of work is completed at the Hebbagodi depot (in blue)

In the remodelled depot, one level will be built below the ground, while the other one will be at grade. "The underground line will have 21 stabling lines, while there will be 20 lines on the grade level," he said.

BMRCL is expecting to increase its fleet to a total of 159 trains by 2026-28 in phases. "It is crucial the depots are ready to receive and maintain the trains," the official added.

Five new depots are being built, explained another official. The Shettygere depot near the airport is being built at a cost of Rs 182.33 crore; 49% of work has been completed here. It will have ten stabling lines at grade, with 12 elevated lines to be built in future. "It can accommodate 21 trains. The operation and maintenance requirements of Phase-2B will be handled here," he said.

At the upcoming Kothanur depot with 20 stabling lines that would cater to the Pink Line (Nagawara to Kalena Agrahara), 66% of work is complete, while at Anjanapura (North-South Green Line) depot, up to 50% of work is over, the official said. Challaghatta depot, with 38 stabling lines, is the costliest of all depots with Rs 499.41 crore being spent for it. At Hebbagodi depot, 99% of work is completed and will take care of the RV Road-Bommasandra Line that will be opened in December this year.

At present, the Kadugodi (Whitefield) depot takes care of the Purple Line, and the Peenya depot of the Green Line. Most operations at Baiyappanahalli Line have been shifted to Kadugodi since the former is being remodelled. The Operations Control Centre will continue to remain at Baiyappanahalli, the official said.

EXPRESS READ

Five zika cases in Bengaluru: Minister

Bengaluru: Bengaluru reported five confirmed cases of Zika virus, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said on Sunday. The cases were identified in Jigani between August 4 and 15. After the first case was detected, the authorities conducted tests in the vicinity, confirming four additional infections. The minister assured that containment measures are in place. He emphasised that Zika symptoms are typically mild, and its treatment mirrors that of dengue fever.

Over 150 participate in free prosthetics camp

Bengaluru: More than 150 patients took part in the free mega artificial limb donation and measurement camp organized by Karnataka Marwari Samaj in association with Bhagwan Mahaveer Vikalang Sahayata Samiti (Jaipur Foot) here on Sunday. As per the measurements given by the patients on Sunday, callipers (for polio-affected patients) and crutches for the handicapped, will be prepared and distributed to the patients on September 22, the Samaj said.

Nine held for sexual assault on woman, son

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Chandra Layout police have arrested nine persons, including two women, for allegedly kidnapping and sexually assaulting a 40-year-old woman, along with her son. The accused kept the duo under wrongful confinement for four days, planning to extort money from them, which they supposedly got after disposing of stolen property.

The accused have been identified as rowdy sheeters Joseph and Srinivas alias Pagal Seena; Prathap, who runs an eatery and a finance business; his wife, Soumya; Jathin; Swathi; Madesha; Syed Shahbuddin, an auto driver; and Vignesh. Shahbuddin and Vignesh have assault cases against them.

The police said the victim and her 20-year-old son were supposedly involved in disposing of stolen mobile phones and a gold chain, while the son's friends had stolen the mobiles and the chain. The accused received information that they have got Rs 2 lakh by disposing of stolen valuables, and hence, planned to extort them. Accordingly, they kidnapped the mother and son and kept them in Prathap's house in Kengeri, between August 13 and 16, where the woman was sexually harassed and assaulted, while her son was also attacked. After realising that they didn't have the money, they released them.

After being freed, the woman filed a complaint in Chandra Layout police station.

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ADMISSION NOTICE

ADMISSIONS TO DIPLOMA IN PARA MEDICAL COURSES UNDER "INSURED PERSONS (IPs) QUOTA" AT ESIC PARAMEDICAL INSTITUTION, GULBARGA, (KALABURAGI) KARNATAKA FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25.

Applications are invited from eligible and interested candidates for admission to six (06) Diploma in Para Medical Courses Under "Insured Persons (IPs) Quota" at ESIC Para Medical College, Gulbarga, (Kalaburagi) Karnataka for the Academic Year 2024-25. Applications to be submitted through e-mail only to **deanmc-gb.kar@esic.nic.in**, other means of submission will not be considered. The candidates are informed to go through the detailed Admission notice & tentative schedule for admissions 2024-25. The Last date for receipt of applications will be 26.08.2024 by 11:59 PM. For more details kindly visit **www.esic.gov.in/admissions**

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KIIT'S SIX ENGINEERING PROGRAMS GET ABET (US) ACCREDITATION

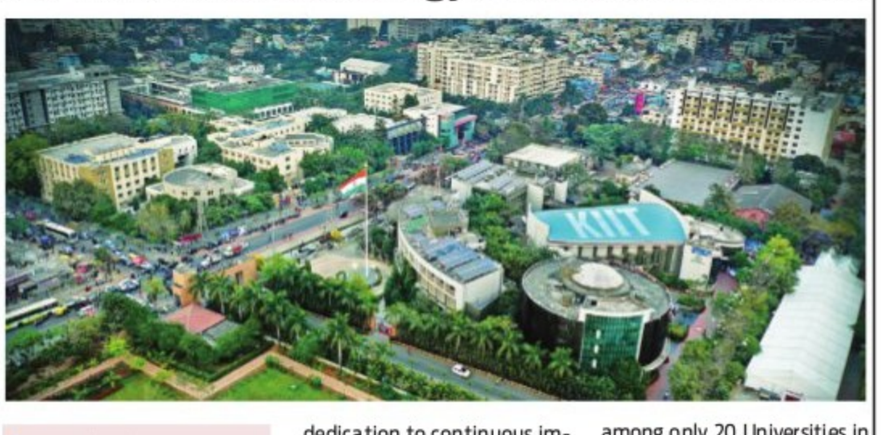
KIIT has also joined the World Technology Universities Network

The prestigious Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), USA has accredited KIIT Deemed to be University's six engineering programs for next six years. ABET is the premier global accreditation organization of engineering and engineering technology programs. Regarded as the 'Gold Standard' for engineering education, it assures that programs meet the quality standards that produce graduates prepared to enter a global workforce.

The following B. Tech programs at KIIT-DU have been accredited by ABET: Computer Science & Engineering (accredited by both ABET's CAC & EAC Commissions); Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Electronics & Electrical Engineering; and Mechanical Engineering. In addition, the B.Tech Civil Engineering program was previously accredited for six years in 2022.

This accreditation places KIIT-DU in an elite group of institutions that includes renowned universities such as Harvard, Cambridge, Stanford, MIT, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Through its unwavering commitment to academic excellence, extensive research initiatives, and valuable practical exposure, KIIT has successfully met ABET's rigorous educational standards. These standards encompass curriculum quality, faculty qualifications, and outcomes assessment. The university's dedication to continuous improvement and a student-centered approach were crucial in achieving this prestigious accreditation, cementing its status among top-tier institutions worldwide.



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- KIIT has joined WTUN as a member, providing its students with numerous opportunities.
- KIIT is among only 20 Universities in the world to join WTUN forum.
- KIIT is the only university in India to have accreditations from IET, UK, and ABET, USA.

ABET's peer-review process is highly regarded worldwide because it adds critical value to academic programs in technical disciplines, where quality, precision, and safety are paramount.

KIIT joined the WTUN

In another significant development, the World Technology Universities Network (WTUN) announced the signing of the Network's Consortium Collaboration agreement with KIIT. With this, KIIT has joined WTUN as a member, providing its students with numerous opportunities, including participation in global competitions, the chance to win the Brian Cantor Scholarship Prize 2023-24, hackathons, and exchange programs. KIIT is among only 20 Universities in the world to join this coveted forum.

KIIT in AICMRH:

KIIT has got approval of the Australia-India Critical Minerals Research Hub (AICMRH) under the SPARC Scheme by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. The hub's focus areas include critical mineral extraction, processing, criticality assessments, economic geology, sustainable mining practices, and supply chain analyses. KIIT has become a member among 17 Indian institutions and 11 Australian institutions are involved in this program.

Expressing his happiness, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said these recognitions prove the high-quality programs of KIIT, which effectively prepares students for global careers. KIIT is the only university in India to have accreditations from IET, UK, and ABET, USA, he added.

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NOTICE

Offers are invited from certified electrical BEE Auditors to carry out electrical fire safety audit of offices, branches, ATMs and own buildings located at various districts of Karnataka & Goa falling under Manipal circle. Interested parties may contact between **10.00 AM to 5.00PM from 19.08.2024 to 09.09.2024** on bank working days. The application can be downloaded from the Bank website **www.canarabank.com** and the CPPC website. Filled documents along with the respective EMD amount as mentioned in the tender document drawn by way of DD favoring Canara Bank, Bangalore should be submitted **on or before 09.09.2024 at 3.00 PM.** Tender bids received after the stipulated time and without EMD amount is liable to be rejected. The Bank reserves the right to reject all or any application without assigning any reason whatsoever. The bids will be opened at Canara bank, GA Section, No.355, 1st floor, Manipal – 576104 **on 09.09.2024 at 3.30 PM.**

Place: Manipal **Sd/-**
Date : 16.08.2024 **Assistant General Manager**

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BRIEF TENDER NOTICE

1. On behalf of the President of India, item-rate tender is invited for the following works:

Description	Details
Name of work	Replacement of existing HPMV High Bay Light Fittings with LED High Bay Light Fittings at CATVAC, SEG, ATF, AC Plant-1 & Old DG room at ISITE Campus, Marathahalli, Bengaluru.
E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/E/M/09/2024-25 Dt. 09/08/2024
Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 23.38 Lakhs
Tender Document Details	**E-Tender**
Period of completion in months	Eight (08) Months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From: 18:10 Hrs on 16/08/2024 To: 23:59 Hrs on 02/09/2024
Bid clarification	From: 19:00 Hrs on 16/08/2024 To:14:30 Hrs on 03/09/2024
Last date of reply to Bid Clarification	Upto: 18:00 Hrs on 05/09/2024
Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Upto: 14:00 Hrs on 06/09/2024
Due date and time of opening of tenders	14:30 Hrs on 06/09/2024
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 46,760/-**

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

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Group Director, C&MG, URSC

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No. KRRDA/TECH/02/208/TND/NOT/2024-25/975 Date: 17.08.2024

SERVICE TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka, Karnataka Rural Road Development Agency invites Supply of vehicles based on rental rate Service Tenders by two cover system through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for below mentioned service.

Calender of tendering events are as follows :

1.	Tender Publishing Date	17.08.2024
2.	Date of availability of tender documents on KPPP portal	21.08.2024
3.	Last date for online submission of Technical and Financial bid	10.09.2024 upto 17.25 Hours
4.	Opening of technical bid	11.09.2024 17.30 Hours
5.	Opening of financial bid	13.09.2024 10.30 Hours After Completing Technical Bid Evaluation.

Sd/- Exectutive Engineer,
Karnataka Rural Road Development Agency,
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No:PCB/275/SEO/MINES/EPH/2024-25/2057 Dated:14.08.2024

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Sri. Sachin Babugouda Patil has proposed to undertake Building Stone Quarrying project of production capacity 40,740.4 TPA in the total land Area of 1.10 Acres at **Sy. No. 69/1 & 69/2A/2, Chimmada Village, Rabakavi-Banahatti Taluk, Bagalkote District, Karnataka.** This project proposal falls under cluster effect as per Office Memorandum issued by MoEF & CC, GoI vide No. F. No.L-11011/ -175/2018-IA-II(M) dated:12.12.2018.

As per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and Amendment dated:01.12.2009, the project proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority and is required to go through the process of Environmental Public Hearing. As per the Terms of Reference letter (ToR)No.SEIAA 513 MIN 2023 dated: 08.12.2023 issued by the SEIAA, Karnataka and request letter of the project proponent dated:14.03.2024 and the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Bagalkote letter dated:06.08.2024 intimating the date, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the KSPCB.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. **Name & Address of the Project Proponent: Sri. Sachin Babugouda Patil,** Near Mallayya Temple, Madanamatti Village, Halingali Post, Rabakavi-Banahatti Taluk, Bagalkote District.
2. **Location of the proposed Quarry Project: Sy. No. 69/1 & 69/2A/2, Chimmada Village, Rabakavi-Banahatti Taluk, Bagalkote District.**
3. **Details of proposed Project:** Proposed to undertake Building Stone Quarrying project of production capacity 40,740.4 TPA in the total land Area of 1.10 Acres.
4. **Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Hearing: Date: 20.09.2024 (Friday) Time: 12:00 Noon Place: Proposed Project site, Sy. No. 69/1 & 69/2A/2, Chimmada Village, Rabakavi-Banahatti Taluk, Bagalkote District**
5. **Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are:** (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote District, Bagalkote (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bagalkote District, Bagalkote (c) District Industries Centre, Bagalkote District, Bagalkote (d) Thasildar Office, Rabakavi- Banahatti Taluk, Bagalkote District. (e) Gram Panchayath Office, Chimmada Village, Rabakavi- BanahattiTaluk. (f)Office of the Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkote (g) SEIAA Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 709, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – 560 001 (h) **HELP DESK,** Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site who are likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited, within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/ E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee **(Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote District, Bagalkote).** Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place.

For details please visit our Website: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3D(1) and (2) of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) and the Amendment Act, 1997, the Government of India vide its Gazette Notification No. **S.O.3157(E) dated the 06-08-2024** published the following notification the lands are covered by **National Highway No. 73 in the stretch of land from Km. 40.00 to Km. 75.00 (Punjalkatte - Charmadi Section) in the district of DAKSHINA KANNADA in the state of KARNATAKA;** required for land acquisition for road construction (widening / two lane with paved shoulder/four lane etc) In Dakshina Kannada of Karnataka State. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) (2) (3) and (4) of section 3(G) of the Highways Act and the amendment of 1997, it is hereby notified to the landlords mentioned in the schedule and to the persons having interest in the said lands to that landlords mentioned in the schedule have been confiscated by Central Government for above the purpose, the relevant official documents for deciding and paying the compensation for the said lands, i.e. original deed of the land (2) copy of the order in case of land conversion, (3) purchase/sale/other documents, (4) present R.T.C. (5) copy of mutation and receipt of payment of revenue and compensation claimed (with suitable justification) at the time and date mentioned in this notice either by you through your authorized representative or their advocates, before the **Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Officer, National Highway-73&275, First Floor, Vittal Arcade Building, Near Kottara Chowki, Derebail Village, Ashoknagar Post Office, Mangalore -575006.**

A personal request should be presented before him along with application.

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Name of the Taluk	Name of the Village	Date & Time
1.	DAKSHINA KANNADA	BANTWALA	PILATHABETTU	29/08/2024(11.00 AM)
2		BELTHANGADI	CHARMADI	29/08/2024(11.00 AM)
3			LAILA	29/08/2024(3.00 PM)
4			BELTHANGADY	30/08/2024(11.00 AM)
5			SONANDUR	30/08/2024 (11.00 AM)
6			UJIRE	30/08/2024(3.00 PM)
7			MUNDAJE	31/08/2024 (11.00 AM)
8			KUKKALA	31/08/2024 (11.00 AM)
9			PARENKI	31/08/2024 (11.00 AM)
10			CHIBIDRE	31/08/2024 (3.00 PM)
11			KALMANJA	31/08/2024 (3.00 PM)
12			KUVETTU	02/09/2024 (11.00 AM)
13			MALADI	02/09/2024 (3.00 PM)

Sd/-
Maninkya N. (KAS)
Special land Acquisition Officer & Competent Authority
National Highways 73 and 275,
Kottara Chowki, Mangalore.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 6th August, 2024

S.O. 3157(E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transportand Highways, 1396(E) Dated:15/03/2024 , published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3,Sub-section(ii)issuedundersub-section(1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act,1956(48of1956)(hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified inthe Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,) maintenance, management and operation of **NH 73 in the stretch of land from Km 40.00 to Km 75.00 (Punjalkatte-Charmadi Section) in the district of DAKSHINA KANNADA inthe state of KARNATAKA.**

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in **"Kannadaprabha" and "Indian Express" both dated 22/05/2024;** under sub-section(3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the landspecified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km. 40.00 to Km. 75.00 (Punjalkatte - Charmadi Section) of National Highway 73 in the District of DAKSHINA KANNADA in the state of KARNATAKA.

STATE: KARNATAKA **DISTRICT: DAKSHINA KANNADA**

Sl. No.	Survey/ Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectares	Name of the Land Owner / Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk:Bantwala					
Village:Pilathabettu					
1	1/2A1	Private	Dry/NAK	0.0030352	KHARABU LAND SANJEEVA NAYAK Son of LATE VAMAN NAYAK
2	1/2A2	Private	Garden	0.0020235	AS PER RTC SANJEEVA NAYAK Son of VAMANANAYAK IN THE POSSESSION OF G.VIVEKANANDA PAI Son of PUNDALIKA PAI
3	1/2B1	Private	Garden	0.004047	AS PER RTC SADASHIVA PRABHU AND IN THE POSSESSION OF SANJEEVA NAYAK Son of VAMANA NAYAK
4	1/2B2	Private	Garden	0.0010118	AS PER RTC PADMANABHA Son of DOOMAPPA IN THE POSSESSION OF SANJEEVA NAYAK Son of VAMANA NAYAK
5	6	Government	Dry	0.1112925	Government
Taluk:Belthangadi					
Village:Charmadi					
6	110	Government	Dry	1.643082	GOVERNMENT
7	113/17	Private	Wet	0.0475522	PUTHA ALIAS PUTHUMONU SON OF late ABDUL KHADER
8	128	Government	Dry	1.116972	GOVERNMENT INTERESTED PERSON PUSHPA. P
9	132/1A	Common (Private/ Government	Dry	0.024282	SOMAPPA POOJARY SON OF VENKAPPAPOOJARY
10	133/7C1	Private	Dry	0.0020235	ABDUL RASHEED SON OF AHEMMED KUNHI
11	141/10A3	Private	Dry	0.093081	VENKATA KRISHNA HEBBAR SUSHEELA KAMALA
12	141/35	Private	Wet	0.0010118	LEELAVATHI DAUGHTER OF BABU MOOLYA
13	141/39	Private	Wet	0.0020235	KESHAVA MOOLYA G
14	158/6C	Private	Dry/NAK	0.0020235	GOVERNMENT INTERESTED PARTY GRAMA PANCHAYATH, CHARMADI
15	158/A1A	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.008094	USMAN SON OF C MOOSE KUNHI
16	158/A1B	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0192232	C MOOSE KUNHI SON OF MOIDEEN BEARY
17	158/A2	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0222585	S ABDUL MAJEED SON OF IBRAHIM
18	158/B7	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0070823	DULAIKA MOHAMMED HANEEF SAVUL HAMEED UMMAR FARUQ
19	158/B8	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0171997	SULAIMAN SON OF HAMMABBA
20	160/1A2	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0030353	APSARA C K INTERESTED PARTY MILK PRODUCERS COOPERATIVE SOCIETY CHARMADI
21	162	Private	Garden	0.1972913	P GOWRI WIFE OF MUTHAYA NAIKA AND ELEVEN
22	168/10	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0030352	ABDULLA SON OF HASAIN AR
23	168/12	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0050587	ABDULLA SON OF HASAIN AR
24	58/1	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.024282	UPENDRA SHANUBHAG
25	60/6	Private	Garden	0.020235	HARISH RAO SON OF K. ANANTHARAM RAO
26	60/7	Private	Wet	0.0060705	K HARISH RAO
27	60/8B	Private	Wet	0.008094	DIVAKAR RAO SON OF LATE CHANDRASHEKARA RAO H AND
Village: Laila					
28	103/14	Private	Wet	0.0141645	SAVITHRI DAUGHTER OF ISHWARA BHAT
29	103/15	Private	Wet	0.008094	SAVITHRI DAUGHTER OF ISHWARA BHAT
30	103/16	Private	Wet	0.0303525	SAVITHRI DAUGHTER OF ISHWARA BHAT
31	103/17	Private	Wet	0.0060705	SAVITHRI DAUGHTER OF ISHWARA BHAT
32	103/7C1	Private	Wet	0.0343995	T RAMBHAT SON OF NARASIMHA BHAT
33	103/7C2	Private	Wet	0.0091058	SAVITHRI WIFE OF RAMBHAT
34	103/7G	Private	Wet	0.0050587	SAVITHRI DAUGHTER OF ISHWARA BHAT
35	104/3	Government	Dry	0.036423	GOVERNMENT
36	104/4	Private	Dry	0.016188	CHANDRAKALA WIFE OF N PADMARAJA GOWDA
37	111/2	Private	Dry	0.032376	BHAVANI ALIAS LAKSHMAMMA
38	161/2	Private	Dry	0.052611	K RAGHUNATHA SHENO SON OF LATE PANDURANGA SHENOY
39	283/3A	Private	Dry	0.0020235	GOVERNMENT ROAD
40	294/9	Private	Dry/NAK	0.004047	YAMUNA WIFE OF KRISHNA
41	78/15	Government	Dry	0.004047	GOVERNMENT ROAD
42	78/16	Government	Dry	0.004047	GOVERNMENT ROAD
43	78/17	Private	Dry	0.0010118	B GOKULADAS BHAT SON OF LATE B.NARASIMHA BHAT
44	78/21	Government	Dry	0.004047	GOVERNMENT ROAD
45	78/22	Government	Dry	0.004047	GOVERNMENT ROAD
46	78/23	Private	Dry	0.0030352	SHESHAGIRI SON OF CHAADAPPA SHENOY
47	78/4	Government	Dry	0.020235	GOVERNMENT
48	78/6A	Government	Dry	0.012141	GOVERNMENT
49	78/6B	Private	Dry	0.016188	B GOKULADAS BHAT SON OF LATE B NARASIMHA BHAT
50	78/7	Private	Dry	0.0020235	JYOTHI PAI WIFE OF LATE BHARIDASA PAI
Village: Maladi					
51	164/1	Private	Garden	0.028329	GOVERNMENT
52	164/5	Private	Garden	0.012141	GOVERNMENT
53	164/6	Private	Garden	0.0091058	CRISTHIN LETHISIYA MONIS WIFE OF ANTONY MONIS GOVERNMENT
54	181/1A	Government	Dry	0.024282	GOVERNMENT
55	181/1B2	Government	Dry/NAK	0.0101175	MATHEW N M SON OF VARGEES N M.DHANYA JERISON JORGE JOSEPHN M SON OF LATE VARGEES NMB RATHNAKARASHETTY SON OF LATE M BABU SHETTY
56	233/4	Government	Dry	0.036423	GOVERNMENT
57	27/25	Private	Garden	0.008094	B VASANTHA BALIGA SON OF LATE B.MANJUNATHA BALIGA
58	27/2B1A 1A1	Private	Wet	0.068799	M HARSHA SAMPIGETHAYA SON OF M.CHANDRAKARA RAO SAMPIGETHAYA
59	27/2B1A 1A1	Private	Wet	0.0101175	UDAYAKUMAR AND RAJESH VITTAL BALIGA SON OF ANANTHA BALIGAJAY SON RODRIGUES SON OF JEROLD PETER RODRIGUES
60	27/2B1 A1C	Private	Wet	0.020235	RAJVEER JAIN 2.50 CENT SUDAYA KUMAR 1.25 CENTS SHRIPATHI 0.50 CENTS PRAKASH 0.75 CENTS
61	27/2B1A2	Private	Wet/NAK	0.0141645	RICHARD T RODRIGUES SON OF WS RODRIGUES
62	27/2B1B	Private	Wet/NAK	0.0171997	B VASANTHA BALIGA SON OF LATE B.MANJUNATHA BALIGA.B VENKATARAMANA BALIGA SON OF LATE B.MANJUNATHA BALIGA
63	27/2C	Private	Wet	0.0222585	AMITHA JOSHI DAUGHTER OF LATE PREMALATHA ADHIKAARI
64	39/13	Private	Garden	0.0091058	P K ISMAIL SON OF ABDUL KHADAR
65	39/24	Private	Garden	0.004047	SANJAY FERNANDESE SON OF LATE VALERIAN FERNANDESE
66	39/2B1	Common (Private/ Government	Dry	0.028329	SILVESTER PINTO SON OF ZUVAM PINTO
67	39/2B3	Common (Private/ Government	Dry	0.020235	GOPALA KRISHNA BHAT SON OF SHRINIVASA BHAT
68	73/14	Private	Wet/NAK	0.0151762	SHRI DHARMASTHALA MANJUNATHESHWARA EDUCATION SOCIETY REGSTERED
69	73/21	Private	Wet	0.0101175	VIVEK VINCENT PAIS SON OF BHOUTHIK PAIS
Village:Sonanduru					
70	27/14	Private	Garden	0.0060705	SATHISH
71	27/16	Common (Private/ Government	Dry	0.0060705	P.PADMAVATHI SHENOY WIFE OF LATE SHRINIVAS SHENOY
72	27/1A7	Common (Private/ Government	Dry	0.004047	NAMADEVA SHENOY SON OF LATE PUNDALEEKA SHENOY
Village: Ujire					
73	125/2A	Private	Dry	0.0010118	SAROJINI PADWETNAYA
74	125/2C	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.004047	SAROJIN IPADWETNAYA
75	125/3	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0182115	SAROJINI PADWETNAYA K U.SANJEEVA POOJARY
76	126/2	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.004047	SHARATH KRISHNA PADWETNAYA
77	197/17	Private	Wet	0.016188	Dr.GOPALKRISHNA. K, RASHMI R SHENOY
78	197/20	Private	Wet	0.008094	Dr.GOPALKRISHNA.K

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1	2	3	4	5	6
79	200/2A1A	Private	Dry/NAK	0.0060705	B. KANCHANAMALA WIFE OF LATE NARAYANA RAO
80	200/2A1B	Private	Dry/NAK	0.0232702	B. KANCHANAMALA WIFE OF LATE NARAYANARAO
81	202/4	Private	Dry	0.0020235	SHRIDHARA PADWETNAYA MOOLIDAR KRISHNANANDA NAIK RTC OWNER
82	206/1A1	Private	Dry	0.0010118	SUNDAR GOWDA BHARATH KUMAR
83	208/2A	Private	Dry	0.024282	PADMAVATHI WIFE OF LATE BABY SHETTY
84	208/2B	Government	Dry	2.50914	IBRAHIM SRI DHARMASTHALA AIDED HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL UJIRE SRI LAXMI VENKATESH HOTEL SOUTH PALACE SRI DURGA FURNITURE 6 HANGYO ICE CREAM OUTLET VALAL COMPLEX SUNIL DRESSES AND THREE SHOPS SHASHIDHAR SHETTY SON OF BOOBA SHETTY BALACHANDRA PADWETNAYA RAJA MOODITHAYA
85	212/2A	Private	Wet	0.0222585	P BHARATHRAJ SON OF C.A.K BALLAL
86	212/4	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.016188	PADMAKSHI WIFE OF U B RAVINDRA SAVITHA SHOBHA ANANTHA MOHAN MOOLIDARA JANARDHANA PRABHU SHYAMA RAYAACHARYA PRAKASHA PRAKASH KADAM
87	212/5	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.004047	DARNAPPAGOWDA
88	212/7	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0030352	ORIGINAL SURVEY NUMBER 212/4 PRAKASH SON OF RAJUMASTRI INTEREST D PARTY
89	212/8	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0192232	ORIGINAL SURVEY NUMBER 212/4 PADMAKSHI WIFE OF UB RAVINDRA MOOLIDAARA ANANTHA MOHANA JANARDHANA PRABHU SHYAMARAY ACHARYA PRAKASH KADAM MOOLAGENIDAARA
90	457/1A1	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0030352	U A JOHARA WIFE OF LATE HASANABBA
91	457/1B1	Private	Dry	0.0010118	B PRABHA P BALIGA WIFE OF PANDURANGA BALIGA DARNAPPA GOWDA
92	457/1B2	Private	Dry	0.004047	RATHNAVATHI WIFE OF DARNAPPA GOWDA
Village:Mundaje					
93	116/1	Private	Garden	0.0182115	NAGARAJA PHADKE SURVEY NUMBER 2124 MAHADEV G PHADKE
94	116/2A	Private	Dry	0.0060705	RAVIKALA JYOTHILAKSHMI PUSHPALATHA DAUGHTER OF PRAMOD KUMAR
95	116/2B1	Private	Dry	0.0070823	MOHAMMED MOHAMMED KHASIM RAMANNA GOWDA
96	117/2	Private	Dry	0.0010118	JAYANANDA SHETTYSON OF NARAYANA SHETTY
97	141/1	Private	Garden	0.0212468	MAHADEV V KHADILKAR SON OF VASANTHA MAHADEVA KHADILKAR
98	142/3A	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0414817	KUNNIGA HENGSU MAHADEV V KHADILKAR
99	142/4	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0141645	GOVERNMENT HAMZA SON OF LATE G.K. IBRAHIM HAMEED SON OF BAPA KUNHI
100	144/1A	Government	Dry	0.0698107	GOVERNMENT LAND INTERESTED PARTY USMAN 2 VITTAL SUVARNA MOHAMMED TIFFIN CORNER PRAKHYATH SHETTY SHEKHAR GOWDA CHANDRAVATHI MOHAMMED GARAGE HUSSAIN
101	145/3A	Private	Garden	0.0192232	DAYANANDA PATAVARDHAN SON OF NARAYANA PATAVARDHAN
102	145/3B	Private	Garden	0.0030352	DAYANANDA PATAVARDHAN
103	147/10	Private	Dry	0.0010118	P A SABASTIAN SON OF AUGUSTIAN
104	147/11	Private	Wet	0.0222585	P A SABASTIAN SON OF AUGUSTIAN
105	252/11	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0010118	MOHAMMED BASHEER SON OF AHEMEDBEARY
106	252/4	Private	Garden	0.0010118	BABY ALIAS PADMAVATHI AND SEVEN
107	253/1A1	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0070823	GOPALA KRISHNA RAO 0.75 CENTS SOUMYA RAO WIFE OF VIVEKANANDA RAO 1 CENTS
108	253/1A2B	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.024282	SEBASTIAN K
109	272	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0131527	GOVERNMENT LOKAYYA NAIKA ABDUL RAHIMAN
110	4/1	Private	Dry	0.020235	NARAYANA BHIDE SON OF LATE RAMESH G. BHIDE
111	4/2A	Government	Dry	0.004047	GOVERNMENT
112	4/2B1	Private	Dry	0.0060705	PUNDALIKA BHAT MUNDAJE PRIMARY AGRICULTURE CREDIT CO OPERATIVE SOCIETY CHANDRAKANTH PRABHU CEO
113	4/2B2A	Private	Dry	0.0030352	JAYACHANDRA M P SON OF PADMARAJA GOLLA
114	4/2C	Private	Dry	0.008094	CHANDRASHEKHAR K SON OF NKRISHNAMURTHY
115	6/1	Private	Garden	0.0212468	ASHVINI LONDE WIFE OF ANANTHA VITALA LONDE
116	6/2	Private	Wet	0.089034	MAHESH KUMAR LONDE SON OF ANANTHA VITTALA LONDE
117	90/2B	Private	Garden	0.004047	ADMINISTRATOR MAHAGANAPATHI TEMPLE GANESH PRABHU
118	99/1	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0546345	THARA BAI KHADILKAR WIFE OF P N KHADILKHAR
119	99/2C1	Private	Dry	0.093081	KIRAN P KHADILKHAR
Village:Kukkala					
120	8/4A	Private	Dry	0.004047	SANJEEVA NAYAK SON OF VAMANA NAYAK
121	8/4B	Private	Dry	0.004047	MOURIS MORAS PUNJAL KATTE
122	9/51	Private	Dry	0.0192232	DANIEL CHARLES DSOUZA ALIAS MARK DSOUZA SON OF CHARLES DSOUZA
123	9/52	Private	Dry	0.012141	ANIL NOBERT SON OF PETER DESA
124	9/58	Private	Dry/NAK	0.0667755	JERALD DSOUZA SON OF LATE BALTHU DSOUZA
125	9/66	Private	Wet	0.04047	THERESA D SOUZA WIFE OF LATE NERI DSOUZA
126	9/67	Private	Wet	0.0232702	VINCENT DSOUZA SON OF LATE NERISAL WADOR DSOUZA
127	9/78	Private	Wet	0.109269	LEENA CRASTA WIFE OF FRANCIS
128	9/8	Private	Dry/NAK	0.0030352	PRASHANTH POOJARY PUNJALAKATTE SON OF SANJEEVA POOJARY
Village:Paranki					
129	143/1B	Private	Dry	0.008094	VITTAL BALIGA
130	143/2	Private	Dry	0.0991515	ASUMPTHA FERNANDIS WIFE OF LATE JOKIM FERNANDIS
131	143/3B1B3	Private	Wet	0.0060705	VAMAN BALIGA INTERSTED PARTY ANIL DESA
132	143/6	Private	Dry	0.032376	VENKATESH ACHARYA SON OF LATE JANARDHANA ACHARYA
133	143/7	Private	Dry	0.012141	M A MAHAMMED SON OF P D ALIYABBA INTERESTED PARTY VIOLET DESA WIFE OF ANIL ROBERT DESA
134	143/8	Private	Dry	0.0030352	ANIL DESA SON OF LATE PETER DESA
135	20/15	Private	Dry	0.0010118	FRANCIS PINTO SON OF BASTAM PINTO EDWIN LEODIN MORAS SON OF ROBERT MORAS
Village:Chibidhre					
136	24/22	Private	Wet	0.0060705	ISMAIL SON OF ABDULLA
137	24/39	Private	Wet	0.08094	MP IBRAHIM SON OF M P HASAN KUNHI
138	24/40	Private	Wet	0.072846	SHEKABBA SON OF M P HASAN KUNHI
139	24/5A7	Private	Wet	0.004047	SHEKABBA SON OF HASAN KUNHI
140	25/8	Private	Wet	0.0789165	ABDUL REHAMAN
141	26/1A	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.437076	GOVERNMENT 1.08 ACRE IN THAT INTERESTED PARTIES FOR 5 CENTS B K IBRAHIM SON OF MOIDINABBA 2 CENTS RAZIA 2 CENTS KAMALAKSHI 5 CENTS P K MOHAMMED 5 CENTS SABEENA 94C APPLICATION PENDING
142	29/1A1A1	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.157833	29 CENTS MARIYAMMA 5 CENTS H.S.ADAM 5 CENTS SALMA IBRAHIM
Village:Kalmanja					
143	189/5	Private	Wet	0.032376	GIRIJA AND JANARDHANA SON OF VENKATA RAMANAGOWDA AND RAJA GOPALA
144	189/6	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0101175	GIRIJA
145	189/7B2	Private	Garden	0.008094	K NARASIMHA PRABHU
146	190	Government	Dry	0.165927	GOVERNMENT VILLAGE PANCHAYATH KALMANJA
147	193/2	Government	Dry	0.028329	GOVERNMENT ENCROACHMENT BY MADHAVA KAMATH
148	194/14B1	Private	Wet	0.0232702	GIRIDHAR KAMATH SON OF MANJUNATHA KAMATH
149	194/14B2	Private	Wet	0.004047	N BABU NAIKA
150	194/14B4	Private	Wet	0.0070823	V J PAULOSE SON OF V D PAULOSE
151	194/4A	Private	Dry	0.008094	DEVANNA SHENOY RAMACHANDRA SHENOY
152	216	Government	Dry	0.072846	SHOBHA AND NINE
Village:Kuvettu					
153	127/12	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.004047	S.A VAHIDA WIFE OF A MAHAMMED
154	13/11	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0020235	G.K AYISHA WIFE OF G.K ISMAIL
155	13/12	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0070823	G.K AYISHA WIFE OF G.K ISMAIL
156	13/4B2	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0010118	G. JAHIR AHAMMED SON OF LATE G. ILYAS SAHEB
157	13/4C1	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.020235	AS PER RTC SURVEY NUMBER 13 /4 ASIYAMMA DAUGHTER OF LATE ABDUL RAHIMAN
158	139/2B	Government	Dry	0.024282	GOVERNMENT
159	154/13	Private	Garden	0.0020235	RIYAZ SON OF SULAIMAN
160	154/14	Private	Garden	0.0020235	NEBISA
161	17/32A	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0020235	GOVERNMENT INTERESTED PARTY BHAJANA MANDIRA
162	22/21	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.004047	HILARI JOHN PIRERA SON OF LATE JOHN PIRERA
163	22/30	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0192232	APOLIN PIRERA BENEDICT LOBO HILARI JOHN PIRERA LATE VINCENT PIRERA 3 CENTS
164	22/31	Private	Garden/ NAK	0.016188	RENU RAJESH SON OF LATE RAMANANDA SALIAN AND INTERSTED PARTY SHASHIDHAR B.SHETTY SON OF BABU SHETTY
165	24/5B	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0020235	MAHAMMED HANEEF SON OF G.M HASIANAR MISS KAIRUNNISA DAUGHTER OF G M HASAINAR
166	25/11	Government	Dry	0.0020235	GOVERNMENT CANEL
167	25/12	Private	Wet	0.0182115	MOHINI PRABHU DAUGHTER OF SARVOTHAMA NAYAK GODFREE D CUNHA SON OF JOHN D KUNHA AND
168	25/15	Private	Wet	0.0111293	STANY GOVIAS SON OF PETER GOVIAS
169	25/16	Private	Wet	0.0030352	VIJAY D KUNHA SON OF VALARI AND KUNHA
170	25/17	Private	Wet	0.008094	LEELA WIFE OF M GSHIVAPPA AS PER RTC VIJAY D.KUNHA SON OF VALARIAN D.KUNHA AS PER SKETCH
171	25/18	Private	Wet	0.0141645	SOMANATHA NAYAK SADASHIVA RAO WILLIAM JOSEPH DSOUZA FLAVY D CUNHA
172	25/19	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.008094	VIJAY D.KUNHA SON OF VALARIAN D.KUNHA
173	25/2	Private	Wet	0.0111293	SAFRI N KUNHI SON OF JOHNY MIRANDA ATHONY PAIS SON OF LATE JAKOPAIS
174	25/20	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0010118	VIJAYA D KUNHA
175	25/3A	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.012141	SATHISH NAYAK SON OF VENKATESH NAYAK
176	25/3B	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.008094	SWARNA LATHA PRABHU WIFE OF MOHANPRABHU
177	25/3C	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.004047	SADASHIVA RAO
178	25/4	Private	Garden	0.0414817	SADASHIVA RAO AND 5 CENTS SHANTHA PRABHU WIFE OF LATE PADMANABHA PRABHU MOHINI PRABHU DAUGHTER OF SARVOTHAMA NAYAK
179	25/8	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0020235	ANTHONY PAIS SON OF JAKOB PAIS
180	25/9	Private	Garden	0.0313642	SADASHIVA RAO ELIJABETH WALTER TAURO SON OF LATE WILIAM TAURO
181	26/11A	Private	Wet/NAK	0.016188	CINTHIYA DSOUZA JAYALAKSHMI DAUGHTER OF LATE SAVITHRI MOHANDAS BHAT SON OF LATE G.SADANANDA BHAT AND MUMTHAZ WIFE OF MUSTHAF AJAINABI WIFE OF B.M HASANABBA
182	26/11A 1A1A	Private	Wet/NAK	0.016188	DR S VENUGOPAL SHARMA SUNDARI ACHARI PRAKASH K S.P.GANAPATHI SHENOY P. BHASKAR RAI B.H. RAMDAS PAI USMAN SHAFI ABDUL RASHEED
183	26/11A2	Private	Wet	0.0101175	JAYARAJ PRAKASH SON OF RAGHURAM AMOOLYA NAGAVENI WIFE OF VASANTHARAJ
184	26/11P1	Private	Wet/NAK	0.0131527	K VATHSALABAI WIFE OF LATE Y N PARAMESHWARA Y.A KRISHNANDA Y.N SON OF LATE PARAMESHWARAYYA
185	26/16	Private	Wet	0.0020235	UMARABBA SON OF ABDUL RAHIMAN
186	26/27	Private	Wet	0.004047	AYISHAB WIFE OF G.ISMAIL
187	26/6B	Private	Dry	0.0010118	GOVERNMENT
188	26/6C	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.004047	BEEPATHIMMA WIFE OF LATE YAKUB SHAFI
189	92/3A1	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0101175	GOVERNMENT 2.50CENTS G ABDUL MAJEED
190	92/3C	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0212468	GOVERNMENT 1.75 CENTS G ABDUL RAHIMAN SON OF ANDUNHI ALARI KOTTIGE 3.50 CENTS
Village: Belthangady Kasaba					
191	125/2B	Government	Dry	0.335901	GOVERNMENT LAND UNAUTHORISED ENCROACHMENT BY CELIENE NORHONA UNATHORISED ENCROACHMENT BY BHARATH BEEDI WORKS
192	171/2B4	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.004047	JYOTHIRMATHI WIFE OF LATE JEEVANDARA KUMAR
193	180/3A1	Government	Dry	0.04047	GOVERNMENT ROAD
194	180/4	Private	Dry	0.020235	RAVI H.M LOBO SON OF G.C LOBO
195	20/18	Private	Wet	0.0222585	U.M SALEEM SON OF U.H MAHAMMED
196	20/6B2	Private	Wet	0.004047	PRASHANTHA INDRA SON OF SHANTHI RAJAINDRA
197	58/2A3A	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0010118	PRESIDENT DISTRICT BOARD
198	58/2A3 B1A	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0020235	PRASANNA KUMAR B SON OF LATE DHARANENDRA KUMAR

contd...

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, Bengaluru

No.1, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

O.A.No.1203/2022

Between

M/s. City Union Bank Ltd., R.T. Nagar Branch, Rep. by its Branch Manager. **... Applicant**

and

Smt. Jayamma and Another **... Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To

D-1 Mrs. Jayamma, W/o. Muniyappa, R/at. No.E172, Kempanna Layout, Amruthahalli, Bangalore - 560092.

Whereas, the applicant Bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of the Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of Sum of **Rs. 20,95,481/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty One only)** with current and future interest, Cost and other reliefs. You hereby required to show cause within **30 days** from the date of Publication of the Summons **on or before 09-01-2025 at 10.30 a.m.** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice, that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned hereinabove, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on : **18th day of July, 2024.**

Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal - I, Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, Bengaluru (DRT - I)

Government of India Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal - I, Karnataka (Bengaluru),
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961

RC/526/2022 Dated : 07-07-2023

M/s. CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

- Vs -

M/s. KEERTHI ENTERPRISES AND OTHERS

(CH 1) M/s. City Union Bank Ltd., Malleshwaram Branch, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003. **... Applicant Bank / Certificate Holder**

Versus

To

(CD 1) M/s. Keerthi Enterprises, Represented by its Proprietor, Sri. K.P. Devaiah, S/o. Sri. Poovaiah .K.G.

(CD 2) Sri. K.P. Devaiah, S/o. Sri. Poovaiah .K.G.

(CD 3) Smt. K.D. Ramya, W/o. Sri. K.P. Devaiah
Defendant Nos.1 to 3 Residing at : No.34, 2nd Floor, Varnasi Road, Sunny Layout, T.C. Palya, Bengaluru - 560036.

(CD 4) M/s. Samskruthi Enterprises, Represented by its Proprietor, Smt. K.D. Ramya, W/o. Sri. K.P. Devaiah At No.23, Shop No.2, 3rd Cross, Nanjappa Garden, Basabpalya, Bengaluru. **... Defendants / Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru (DRT - I) in OA/1070/2020 an amount of **Rs.4,84,71,332/- (Rupees Four Crore Eighty Four Lakh Seventy One Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Two only),** along with pendente lite and future interest **@ 12.25%** compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **08-09-2020** till realization and Costs of **Rs. 2,25,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally / Fully / Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within **15 days** of the receipts of the Notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules thereunder.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **28-08-2024** at **10.30 a.m.** for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay :
   (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
   (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on the date of : **07-08-2024.** **(P.H. Hemanth Kumar, IRS)**

Recovery Officer-II, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, Bengaluru.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,53,62,877/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Three Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Seven only)** as on **15-08-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **16-08-2024** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Santhosh Traders, No.115/1, 4th Main Road, APMC Yard, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore - 560022. No.2) Mr. S. Rajesh, S/o. Sukhraj, No.4/2, GB Lane, Cottonpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053. No.3) Mr. H. Sukhraj, S/o. Hastimal, No.4/2, GB Lane, Cottonpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053. No.4) Mrs. Nirmala S. Rajesh, W/o. Rajesh, No.4/2, GB Lane, Cottonpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053.**

Note : That our **054-Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080079836) dated **05-07-2021** requested by No.1 of you represented by Nos.2 & 3 of you as Partner for which Nos.2 & 3 of you stood as Co-Obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.14,00,000/-** at a ROI of **13%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **03-11-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **15-08-2024** is **Rs.21,76,700/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **16-08-2024** till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mrs. Nirmala S. Rajesh, W/o. Rajesh)

All that piece and parcel of Southern Portion of the Property No.6/1, PID No.10-10-6/1, situated 2nd Cross, APMC Yard, Yeswanthpura, Bangalore, measuring : East to West : 30 ft, North to South : 27½ sq.ft. in all measuring 825 sq.ft. and bounded on the : East by : Link Road leading to APMC Yard, West by : APMC Retaining Wall, North by : Remaining Property of No.6, South by : Property belonging to APMC.

Reserve Price : Rs.55,00,000/-
(Rupees Fifty Five Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
06-09-2024	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch, No.349, Komarala Towers, OTC Road, Chickpet Main Road, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560053. Telephone No.080-22870328, Cell No.9342874656.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch, No.349, Komarala Towers, OTC Road, Chickpet Main Road, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560053. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-22870328, Cell No.9342874656. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to Accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 17-08-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

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BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER-2nd Call (Only through KPP-Portal)

BWSSB invites tenders in two stage tender system from eligible contractors for the following works:

Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru - 560009

Name of the work	Amount put to tender EMD
IFT No.: BWSSB/EIC/CE(E)/ACE(E)-I/DCE(M)-I/TA(E)/2719/2024-25	**Date: 14-08-2024**
1) Providing and laying of 450mm dia MS & 300mm dia DI water supply line pertaining to Govindapura road Veerannapalya service road junction to HBR 1st main service road (ORR) HBR service station of AEE(E)-2-1 sub division.	Rs.377.08 Lakhs / Rs.6.67 Lakhs
2) Providing and laying of 450mm dia MS, 300mm dia DI water supply line at Nagawara main road from ORR to Shampur road junction pertaining to AEE(E)-2-1 sub division.	Rs.296.03 Lakhs / Rs.5.24 Lakhs
3) Providing and laying of 200mm dia DI and 100mm dia DI water supply line pertaining to Govindapura road Veerannapalya service road junction to HBR 1st main service road (ORR) HBR service station of AEE(E)-2-1 sub division.	Rs.315.15 Lakhs / Rs.5.58 Lakhs
4) Providing and laying of 450mm MS, 200mm dia DI and 100mm dia water supply line pertaining to Nehru road Hennur road to Kullappa circle of AEE(E)-2-1 sub division.	Rs.321.57 Lakhs / Rs.5.69 Lakhs

For the above works Last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on **04.09.2024 upto 15:00 hrs.** The tenders will be opened on **06.09.2024 after 16:00 hrs.**

Sd/- Chief Engineer (East)

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during the working hours.

DIPR/CP/BCPL/1513/2024-25

1	2	3	4	5	6
199	58/2A3 B1B	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0010118	PETER DSOUZA
200	58/2A3 B2	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0010118	DENNIS GOVIAS SON OF ROMAN GOVIAS INTRESTED PARTY TERENCE GOVIAS GRAND SON OF DENNIS GOVIAS
201	58/2A3 B4A1C2	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0010118	RICHERD MONIS SON OF SALVADAR MONIS INTERESTED PARTY IMRAN SON OF ABDUL RAZAK RENTED ROYAL ENFIELD BIKE SHOW ROOM
202	58/5A1A	Private	Dry	0.0050587	SAARA ALIAS SAARAMMA DAUGHTER OF HAJISULIAMAN
203	58/5A2	Private	Dry	0.004047	SHIVARAMA SOMAYAJI AND MULIDAAR K.SULIAMAN SON OF HAMMED LIONAL PINTO SON OF C.J PINTO CATHOLIC BANK AND OFFICE AND SOUZA ELECTRONICS
204	58/5C2	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.004047	SOUZA ELECTRONICS CATHOLIC BANK SHIVARAMA SOMAYAJI SON OF VASUDEVA SOMAYAJI MOOLIDAAR AND JAYAVARMARAJA SON OF LAKSHMANAYYA PERGADE MOOLAGENIDAAR
205	59/3A	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0050587	IVAN JAMES PINTO SON OF LATE STANYPLAUS NICOLUS PINTO
206	60/14	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.004047	B K DEVARAO SON OF K RAGHAVA RAO
207	63/2A	Government	Dry	0.032376	GOVERNMENT ROAD
208	63/2B	Government	Dry	0.008094	GOVERNMENT ROAD
209	63/2C1	Government	Dry	0.056658	GOVERNMENT ROAD
210	67/4B	Private	Garden	0.024282	RADHA BAI JAIN, I MOOLIDAAR K IBRAHIM SON OF ABDUL RAHIMAN MOOLAGENIDAAR
211	68/13A	Private	Garden	0.0515992	SHANTHESHWARA BASTHI ADMINISTRATOR K.JAYAVARMARAJA BALLAL WIFE OF PANDIRAJA BALLAL MOOLIDAARA MAMATHA JAIN WIFE OF RATHNA VARMA JAIN MOOLAGENIDAAR
212	68/17	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0010118	MSHAILINI JAIN WIFE OF LATE HARISCHANDRA JAIN AND
213	68/18	Private	Wet	0.020235	B GANESH BHAT SON OF VITTALA BHAT GURUVAYANAKERE
214	68/23	Private	Wet/NAK	0.04047	PETER FRANKO SON OF BAPTIST FRANKO INTERESTED PARTY K.VITTAL HEGDE SON OF DUGGAYYA HEGDE 7 CENTS M.RATHNAVARMA JAIN 3 CENTS
215	70/20	Private	Wet	0.0030352	ASHWATH KUMAR SON OF BABUPOOJARI
216	70/21	Private	Wet	0.0060705	ASHWATH KUMAR SON OF BABUPOOJARI
217	70/5	Private	Wet	0.0030352	K.MANJUNATHA KAMATH SON OF KRISHNARAYA KAMATH
218	76/14	Private	Wet/NAK	0.0020235	MITHRA HERAJE SON OF VENKAPPA POOJARI AND
219	76/5A 1C1	Private	Wet	0.004047	AYUB SON OF ABBU MUKRI 0.50 CENTS BALLAL AUTO AGENCIES 0.50 CENTS K.JAYAVARMA RAJA BALLAL SON OF K.PANDYA RAJA BALLAL VENKATANA RAMANA PAI SON OF G. KESHAVA PAI
220	76/5A2	Private	Wet/NAK	0.0010118	NORBERT DAIS SON OF FEBRIC DAIS
221	76/5A3A	Private	Wet/NAK	0.012141	SEETARAMA BABU SHETTY SON OF BABUSHETTY
222	76/5B	Private	Wet/NAK	0.0030352	KHATHIJAMMA AND
223	76/7A	Private	Garden	0.0475522	MITHRA HERAJE SON OF VENKAPPA POOJARI AND
224	76/7B	Private	Wet/NAK	0.004047	MITHRA HERAJE S SON OF VENKAPPA POOJARI AND
225	77/11	Private	Wet	0.0070823	JEROM MONIS LOBO SON OF DAVID LOBO
226	81/4B	Government	Dry	0.020235	GOVERNMENT
227	82/6A	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0060705	JAYANTHI DAUGHTER SHRINIVAS BHAT
228	83/13	Government	Dry	0.0060705	MANDALA PANCHAYATH BELTHANGADI
229	83/14	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0343995	DR VEERENDRAHEGDE SON OF LATE D.RATHNAVARMA HEGDE MOOLIDARA B.GANESH KRISHNA BHAT MOOLAGENIDAAR
230	83/8	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.004047	DR VEERENDRA HEGDE SON OF LATE D.RATHNAVARMA HEGDE
231	84/2A1 B2	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0050587	K UDAYA KUMARMALLA SON OF BRAHMAYYA MALLA
232	84/2B2	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0111293	PRESIDENT PRASANNA EDUCATION TRUST UDAYA KUMAR SON OF K.B.MALLA
233	90/3B	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0020235	K SOMANATHA KAMATH
234	90/3C	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.0020235	GOVERNMENT
235	99/1B	Private	Wet	0.004047	J.B LOBO SON OF LOBO
236	99/2	Common (Private/ Government)	Dry	0.004047	G JINNAPPA SAPALYA SON OF ANNI SAPALYA
		Total		**10.2702742**	

[F.No.RW/NH-12037/17/2021-22/KNT/Zone-South-1/3D]
ABHAY JAIN, Director

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

H.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.
Phone 26677552, 26679041

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
[APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1)]

Where as the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstructionof Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules. at The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in bellow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited for amount and interest on & other charges.

Date of Possession: 14.08.2024

Name of the Borrower/Surety & Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount outstanding
Applicant: Sri K.Ramachandra Rao, Sri T.G.Srinivas & Sri Vijaya Sarathi Surety: Sri Kiran R All that piece and parcel of Residential Property being Site bearing No.48, BBMP Khatha No.267/993/79/2A-48, in the layout known as "V TEMPLE VIEW" formed out of Portion of converted land bearing Survey No.79/2, Re-Survey No.79/2A Conversion Orders No.B.DIS.ALN(S)SR(KT)113A/ 2003-04 dated 26-02-2004 and No.B.DIS.ALN(S) SR(KT)24/2005-06 dated 23-09-2005 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.198, Situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on: East by :Site No.41,West by:Road,North by: Site No.47,South by: Site No.49.	**66,58,072/- + Int. thereon 14.08.2024**

Amount paid if any by any of the above borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realisation / settlement.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore -18

Place: Bangalore
Date: 14.08.2024

FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. AUCTION NOTICE

This is to inform the public at large, that FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD., has decided to conduct Auction of Gold ornaments belonging to accounts (mentioned below) which have become overdue or which have defaults or margin breach of customers. The Auction would be held at respective Branches specified below on **Friday 30-08-2024 between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.** This would continue till the auction process is over.'

Anekal 080-27830505 **FEDGL0088**0004919, 0004940, 0006478 **Arakalgud** 08175-220780 **FEDGL0036**0012288, 0012289, 0012297, 0012311, 0012328, 0012329, 0012336, 0012345, 0012365, 0012384, 0012390 **Arasikere** 08174-299941 **FEDGL0414**0003620, 0003638 **B H Road** 8162277793 **FEDGL0103**0013545, 0013687, 0013702, 0013733, 0013744, 0017358, 0017386, 0017406, 0017413, 0017416, 0017423, 0017434, 0017481 **BASAVESHWARA NAGAR** 080 41900282 **FEDGL0011**0011664, 0011669, 0011675, 0011734 **BELGAUM** 0831 4201487 **FEDGL0136**0006049, 0006053, 0006072, 0006075, 0006081, 0006095, 0006581, 0007503 **BELUR** 08177 222100 **FEDGL0159**0010598, 0010599, 0010600, 0010622, 0010627, 0010628, 0010630, 0010653, 0010656, 0012171 **BOMMANAHALLI** 080 41500417 **FEDGL0014**0007481, 0008382 **BTM LAYOUT** 080-41312231 **FEDGL0003**0006527, 0006534, 0006535, 0006538, 0006544, 0006556, 0006569, 0006793 **BYADGI** 8375229022 **FEDGL0051**0011225, 0011227, 0011234, 0011239, 0011240, 0011244, 0011269, 0011297, 0011299, 0011301, 0011307, 0011324, 0011330, 0011331, 0011338, 0011344, 0011351 **Caltex Circle** 8162277972 **FEDGL0102**0012086, 0012092, 0012093, 0012137, 0012157, 0012173, 0012234, 0012241, 0012263 **Car Street Bellary** 8392276005 **FEDGL0092**0004165, 0004168, 0004184, 0004193, 0004197, 0004200, 0004227, 0005233, 0005234, 0005242 **CHANNAPATNA** 080 27256046 **FEDGL0176**0019455, 0019472, 0019483, 0019512, 0019532, 0019544, 0019547, 0019553, 0019562, 0021027 **CHENRAYAPATNA** 08176 252477 **FEDGL0158**0022377, 0022400, 0022437, 0022472, 0024236 **CHIKKAMAGALUR** 08262 228286 **FEDGL0021**0007808, 0007813, 0007815, 0007825, 0007846, 0008853 **DAVANGERE** 08192-252111 **FEDGL0229**0009569, 0009571, 0009572, 0009591, 0009602, 0010466, 0010418 **dharwad** 0836 -2970229 **FEDGL0233**0005935, 0005957, 0005966, 0005971 **FEDDS0233**0000005 **Gadag** 08372-220075 **FEDGL0420**0004065, 0004082, 0004083, 0004092, 0004102, 0004137, 0004146, 0005834, 0005847 **Gangavathi** 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Change in Venue or Date, if any will be displayed on our Website www.fedfina.com. All bidders participating will be intimated subsequently with respect to acceptance or rejection of bids submitted by them. Customer who want to release their ornaments shall visit at the base branch wherein the ornaments were pledged by the customer or contact at the number mentioned above on/or before 29-08-2024 subject to the terms and condition applicable.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches, in case the auction does not get completed on the given date due to any reasons, the auction in respect thereto shall be conducted on subsequent working days at district level branch after displaying the details on our Website. No further communication shall be issued in this regard.

Dated : 19-08-2024
Place : Karnataka

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STAFF : AWARD
VOLUNTARY CESSATION OF EMPLOYMENT
NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE-33 OF
THE EIGHT BIPARTITE SETTLEMENT DATED 02.06.2005

It is observed that you have been absenting from work consecutively for a period of more than 90 days since 17th March2016, without prior sanction of leave. In this connection we refer to registered notice dated 4th March 2024 issued under the Clause-33 of the Eight Bipartite Settlement dated 2nd June 2005 sent by our Holenarsipura Branch (8040) and paper notification in the News papers The New Indian Express dated 11th June2024, Kannada Prabha dated 11th june 2024 advising you to report for work within 30 days from date of the notice. It is, however, observed that you have neither reported for work nor offered any explanation for your absence, despite the above notice.

2. You are, once again, advised to report for work within 30 days from the date of this notice, Failing which it will be deemed that you have voluntarily vacated your employment on expiry of the period of this notice and your name shall be struck off from the rolls of the Bank, in terms of Clause 33 of the Eight Bipartite Settlement dated 2nd June 2005.

Sd/-
Regional Manager

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.903/Tr.C/H/SEE/AEE(C)/2024-25/2533-38 Date: 17.08.2024

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites bids for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hubballi.:

1. Repairs to Cable duct at 220kV R/s Yesle in TL&SS Division, Sirsi
2. Protection to tower Location number 04 (Kiravatti – Ummachagi LILO line) 110kV SC in TL&SS Division, Sirsi
3. Repairs to Battery Room at 220kV SRS Control Room, Hubballi
4. Replacement of faulty Air conditioners provided for 110/220KV Lines & Transformers KIOSK Boxes at 220kV SRS, Hubballi

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "Karnataka Public Procurement Portal" mode can be obtained by logging on to KPP Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & from the Office Notice Board. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Vidhyuth Nagar, Karwar Road,
Hubballi – 580024. Ph: 0836-2203094

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have negotiated to purchase the property which are described in the schedule below from **Mr. Y.R.RAMANUJACHAR,** aged about 36 years, son of Mr. Ravindrachar. Y.S, residing at No.126, 2nd Main Road, Anjinappa Layout, Kothanur, Bangalore-560077. Any person/s having any right, title, interest, lien, charge or claim whatsoever, in and over the schedule property or any portion thereof, by way of any easement, tenancy, claims, inheritance, gift, partition, bequest, possession, mortgage, exchange or under any deed/instrument or otherwise, may submit his/her/their/its objection/claim/s, in writing to the undersigned at the below mentioned address along with supporting documents within Fifteen days from date of publication of this notice, failing which my clients will proceed with the purchase transaction on the basis that there are no claims whatsoever in and over the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immoveable property of Residential Site bearing No.284, in Part-I, Property No. BD006S190002959, BDA Katha PID No. 6000000651, situated in the Layout known and called a "KANAKASHREE LAYOUT-II STAGE" formed by the Kanakashree House Building Co- Operative Society Limited, Bangalore in the converted lands in Survey Nos. 128(P), 129(P), 138(P), 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 163/1, 164, 165, 213, 214, 215 and 216 (out which said Site formed part of Survey No.141) of Kannur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, were converted for residential purpose under the several conversion orders/official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (East) (B)SR:24/2008-09, ALN(East) (B)SR:25/2008-09 both dated 17.10.2008 and ALN(E)(B)SR:117/2008-09 dated 11.12.2008 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and the said private Layout duly approved by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore vide order bearing No. BDA/TPM/PL-32/2008-09/2915/2009-10, dated 30.11.2009, measuring East to West: 40 (Forty) Feet, North to South: 60 (Sixty) Feet, totally ad- measuring 2400 (Two Thousand Four Hundred) Square Feet and an Under construction Building consisting of Stilt, Ground, First, Second and Terrace Floor, totally ad-measuring 616.72 Square Meters/6638 Square Feet, and bounded on:

East by: Site No.285; **West by:** Site No.283;
North by: Site No.269 and 270; **South by:** 12.19 Meters wide Road (7th Main Road);

MabuSubani Advocate
No.126, Mezzanine Floor, Prestige Nugget, Opposite to Lakshmi Villas Bank,
Infantry Road, Bangalore- 560001. Mob:9008342865

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleshwar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur- Rajasthan India 302001. (CIN:L36911RJ1996PLC011381)

APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AU Small Finance Bank Limited** (Hereinafter referred to as the "the Bank" which expression shall mean and include erstwhile Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited (merged into and with **AU Small Finance Bank Ltd.,** w.e.f. April 01, 2024 pursuant to RBI approval) under the "Securitiztion and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued Demand Notices for calling upon the Borrowers, Mortgagers, Co-borrowers and Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notice within 60 days (Sixty days) from the date of the said demand notice. The following borrowers have availed loan against property from Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited which has now amalgamated with and into **AU Small Finance Bank Ltd.** Therefore, the Bank is fully entitled to demand the amounts advanced under the credit facility and all or any of payments to be made pursuant to the Demand Notice shall be made in the favor of AU Small Finance Bank Limited. The Borrowers, Mortgagers, Co-obligants and consenters mentioned herein above having failed to repay the said demand notice amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property/properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section 4 of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. The Borrowers, Mortgagers, Co-obligantsand consentors mentioned herein above in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property/properties will be subject to the charge of the **AU Small Finance Bank Limited** for an amounts and further interest and other charges thereon till the date of realization.

S. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor/Loan A/c No. & Demand Notice Date	Date of Possession Taken	Total Outstanding Amount
1	**(Loan A/c19660000301005) - 1) Mr/Mrs. Sunil 2) Mr/Mrs. Doreswamy , 3) Mr/Mrs. Nagamma Demand Notice Dated: 20-01-2024**	**16/08/ 2024. Symbolic Possession**	**Rs. 3,91,762/- as of** 15-01-2024 Interest and other charges thereon
	Description of Mortgaged Property: All that piece and parcel of immovable property situated at All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 39/37, having unique codeno. 152900102000100 193 according to the from no. 9 & 11A issued by the office of the Mathikere village Panchaythi, situated at devarahalli village, Channapatana taluk, Ramanagara District and the Property is bounded on the; Measuring east to west 14.50848 meters and north to south: 28.9560 Meters in total measuring 420.11 sq. Meters and thereon building measuring 104.52 sq. meters.. And bounded on the **East by:** Property belongs to H.R.Umesh; **West by:** Property belongs to Ammalli Chikkanna; **North by:** Property belongs to Kempamma; **South by :** Road.		

Date: 19-08-2024, Place: Channapatana **Sd/- Authorised Officer, AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

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ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH

No.9 Elcanso Complex, Casa Major Road,
Egmore, Chennai-8
Phone: 9137554740
Email: ubin0554740@unionbankofindia.bank

NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS NOTICE) RULE 6 (2)/8 (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

To,
1. **Mrs Shashikala W/o Late N Krishna,**
No 7/4, Hegade Layout, Attibele Road, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru-562106
2. **Mrs Lakshmiamma (Legal heir of late Mr N Krishna),**
No 7/4, Hegade Layout, Attibele Road, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru-562106

Sir/Madam,

Sub – Sale of property Mortgaged to bank for realization of amount due to Bank under the SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Union Bank of India, Belagondapalli Branch, Krishnagiri the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated **19-04-2023** under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, has taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **20-01-2024.**

Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.

Therefore, if you pay the amount due to the bank along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by bank before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the Act.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All That Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Municipal Katha No.423/2761/4, Property No.423/2761/4, Site No.4, Measuring 12.20 X 9.15 Meters, I.E., 1200 Sqft, Together With RCC Teraced Residential Constructed there

BJP leader and MLC CT Ravi urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to tender his resignation, in the wake of the governor sanctioning prosecution in connection with the MUDA site scam, and asked the CM to cooperate with an impartial inquiry

SIDDARAMAIAH WILL NOT COMPLETE FULL TERM: CHALAVADI

WITH Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot issuing the sanction to prosecute Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the MUDA site allotment case, BJP members are demanding his resignation. Congress, on the other hand, is blaming the Centre and governor for allegedly misusing their powers. Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council **Chalavadi Narayanaswamy**, in conversation with *TNIE*, said Siddaramaiah will not complete his full term in office. "Congress sees Dalits as their vote bank. It has made ministers from these communities, but not a CM," he said.

You switched from Congress to BJP and now you are Leader of Opposition in the Council. Was it expected?
I was with Congress for 40 years, but did not like many of Congress' policies. But I felt one should stick with a single party. After spending many years, I realised that I had no future there. That was when I decided to change my path. In BJP, leaders recognised my capacity and gave me a new responsibility.

Many say BJP is anti-Dalit, anti-Ambedkar and anti-reservation. How are you convincing people?
That's my job to reach out to the public and convince them. I want to ask people if BJP ever insulted Ambedkar. Places of importance related to Ambedkar have been developed into monuments of international standards, including his school, birthplace and also where he is laid to rest. In Karnataka, it was the BJP government that increased the reservation for SC/STs. PM Narendra Modi termed the Parliament building as a temple for the Constitution. BJP is neither anti-Constitution nor anti-Dalit. On one hand, Siddaramaiah issued an order that Ambedkar's portrait be kept in every government function. But on the other, over Rs 25,000 crore allocated for SC/STs was diverted. Congress speaks so much about protecting the Constitution, but it changed and amended Ambedkar's Constitution. But Congress spread the message that if BJP comes to power, it would change the Constitution. Congress is trying to widen the gap between BJP and Dalits. This is where they are using Ambekar's name.

PIC: NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Do you think Congress has given justice to these communities?
Congress has always given representation to these communities in their cabinet. This is because of the vote bank. Making them ministers is different, making them CM is something else. Ministers have limitations, but not CM. There has always been a fight in Congress to make a Dalit a CM, but it has not happened. Siddaramaiah joined Congress in September 2006 and he was made CM in just six years but not a Dalit. This indicates that Dalits are just a vote bank. The party does not want Dalits to prosper. I believe that Congress resorts to injustice by expressing false sympathies. Before elections, the party did a yatra to safeguard the Constitution which was limited only to slums. It did not cover areas like Malleswaram, Jayanagar and Sadashivanagar. This too indicates that Congress was trying to consolidate Dalit votes. As a Dalit, I object to such double standards.

Do you think the Dalit movement has disintegrated?
Dalit organisations have split and many leaders have floated new ones. The movement has lost its strength. There are few good people still fighting for justice. I met about 140 organisations and asked them why they object to BJP and not Congress, to which they had no answer. Congress has tutored them against BJP for so long that they object.

BJP has been majorly dominated by two castes. Will an eligible Dalit leader be made a CM?
We see the same discussion in all parties. The Congress high command stood firm in making DK Shivakumar the Deputy Chief Minister, but did not think of appointing a Dalit as DCM. But BJP, when it came to power the second time, made Govind Karjol a DCM. This gives hope.

Do you say the CM is directly involved in the MUDA scam?
In my opinion, yes. Without his knowledge, nothing would have taken place. Even ministers try for land denotification, but it does not happen. Siddaramaiah should reveal whether the denotification happened under his influence. After coming to power in 2013, he cannot claim that the issue did come to his notice. There were four meetings in MUDA and it was decided that sites cannot be given to them. The CM named Dhruva Kumar the MUDA chairman, and the latter convinced all the members. In the fifth meeting, they decided to give the land to the CM's family. Once the resolution was passed, he could have bought the land, but why did he not purchase the land till 2020? In 2018, he lost his mandate and under Kumaraswamy's tenure, he did not claim the sites despite the resolution. He kept quiet as he knew Kumaraswamy could create problems. Later when Yediyurappa became CM, officers appointed during Siddaramaiah's tenure misguided the ministers and gave Siddaramaiah's family the sites. Now Siddaramaiah says the land was given to him during the BJP tenure.

Siddaramaiah says he is not involved in the case and there is no question of resigning.
He won't last long as CM, and if he is stubborn, he can push it for some more time. But law will take its course. All I can say is that Siddaramaiah will not complete his full term in office.

What is BJP's next course of action?
Our padayatra from Bengaluru to Mysuru was successful. We are discussing to launch another padayatra in North Karnataka where the ST community population is predominant in Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Vijayanagara, Chitradurga and Davanagere districts. The padayatra will convey the message to the people that the money meant for their welfare is being swindled. We are also thinking of a legal remedy by approaching the court.

What else does BJP want in the Valmiki scam? SIT is already investigating and arrests have been made...
The House was adjourned when we wanted a discussion. Instead of replying to the House, where all proceedings are recorded, the CM addressed the media by sharing only the details he wanted to. The government says it is recovering the money involved in the scam. But what we demand is not just recovery, but punishment for those involved. The government is trying to cover up the scam by not naming former minister B Nagendra and others. They are trying to fix officials and get a clean chit. There are also doubts over the death of a police inspector in Yadgir. He was a clean officer and he was under pressure to pay a bribe of Rs 30 lakh to continue in his post. MLAs cannot recommend transfers and action can be taken if they do so.

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Do you think SC/ST votes will shift to BJP in future polls?
These communities too have become intelligent. In the 2019 LS polls, over 50 per cent of Dalits voted for BJP, which was why we won 25 seats. But in 2024, Congress gave packages to certain Dalit organisations and got them to campaign for the party. Later, the organisations realised that Congress backstabbed them. Now after BJP launched a protest against the diversion of SC/ST funds for guarantees, they too have started protests. BJP has made me the LoP, and Dalits will notice this and shift to BJP.

There seems to be opposition within the party against state party chief BY Vijayendra's leadership...
He getting the top post at a young age has embarrassed the seniors who have contributed to build the party for decades. It is quiet but natural. There are some leaders within the party who play the opposition's role. Their role is to alert if there are mistakes.

The Congress government has said it will expose scams that happened during the BJP government...
It's welcome. The CM had said 21 scams of the BJP government would be exposed, but we are now revealing the scams of the present government. This means he did not work effectively when he was the opposition leader. I ask Siddaramaiah not to indulge in blackmail politics. He should not have issued such statements, but got the investigation done. Let those who committed mistakes go to jail.

What is your opinion on the recent Supreme Court verdict on classification of SC quota ?
In 2000, Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu, based on a one-man commission's report, decided to classify the SC quota as A, B, C and D. But it was questioned by PV Rao in the Supreme Court which gave a verdict that the state has no powers to divide the SC quota as it is not a state subject and the decision should be taken in Parliament. Scheduled Caste is not a caste, but castes brought under the Schedule to give weightage. In Karnataka, the SM Krishna government set up the AJ Sadashiva commission and the funds were given for the survey when Yediyurappa was CM. The commission recommended quota division, but Congress did not act on it. The Basavaraj Bommai-led government proposed it to the Centre which was waiting for the Supreme Court's verdict. Now, the Supreme Court judgment says the amendment to the Constitution is not required and the states can take decisions on classification of the quota. The Congress government in Karnataka should decide. The central cabinet has already decided that it will not implement the creamy layer.

Guv's move murder of democracy: Congress

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CONGRESS members are slated to stage a statewide protest on Monday, against Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot for issuing sanction for the prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday in Bengaluru, Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar said the Congress will take out statewide protest rallies, which will be held in all district headquarters across the state. "All party leaders and workers will participate in the protest," he said.

Further, Shivakumar charged the Governor, claiming that he is making a case out of nothing. "This is nothing but a murder of democracy and we will protest it," he said, adding that his party leaders and members have been instructed to carry out their stir peacefully, by ensuring that no anti-social elements infiltrate it and create trouble.

When asked about the meeting with AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Shivakumar said they have briefed him about the developments in the state. He also said the AICC will decide on taking up a nationwide protest in this regard.

RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge claimed that the Centre is misusing the ED and CBI, and trying to damage governments not under its control. He alleged that governors in other states have also been misused.

Congress workers stage a protest against Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, BJP and JDS, in the wake of the decision sanctioning prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the MUDA case, in BS Yediyurappa's stronghold of Shikaripura on Sunday | EXPRESS

CONG MUST SUPPORT GOVERNOR'S DECISION, SIDDU MUST COME OUT CLEAN, SAYS BJP

BENGALURU: BJP members are all set to stage a protest in Bengaluru on Monday, demanding Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's resignation. Speaking to reporters, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka slammed the Congress over its protests, indirectly supporting corruption. He said it looks like the Congress is walking towards corruption. "When this government came, people trusted the guarantee schemes. But this government is functioning exactly opposite to the people's desire." he said. Further, Ashoka allehed that there are 65 cases on Siddaramaiah, and an attempt has been made to close them. "When the governor issued sanction for the CM's prosecution, the Congress should have welcomed it, and Siddaramaiah could have come out of it with a clean image. Instead, the Grand Old Party is staging a protest across the state," he said. The CM did not answer any questions during the session. Even the Congress high command is supporting the CM. "On what moral grounds, is the Congress," he questioned. Ashoka alleged that the Congress government here has become an ATM for its high command. "When there was an accusation against BS Yediyurappa and LK Advani, they resigned. This culture is not there in Congress. Congress leaders are out on bail," he said. **ENS**

Top Cong leaders meet Siddu

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MALLIKARJUN Kharge rushed to Bengaluru on Saturday after the governor issued the sanction. Since then, the residences of both Siddaramaiah and Kharge have been hubs of intense political activity. Kharge's supporters, including SC/ST MLAs from Kalyana-Karnataka, and senior leader Shamanuru Shivashankarappa, visited him on Sunday. Both Venugopal and Surjewala also spoke to Kharge. "Siddaramaiah and his supporters may claim that it may not be an ethical issue as there is no material evidence against him. But Rahul Gandhi will be in a fix if Siddaramaiah continues as CM if the FIR is filed, once the court directs any of the investigating agencies to probe the case," an expert said.

Gowda played no role in Guv's decision: HDK

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UNION Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy on Sunday clarified that neither he nor his father and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda played any role in Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot issuing sanction to prosecute Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the MUDA site allocation case .

"It is slander to say that Deve Gowda or Kumaraswamy pressured Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah to get the governor to sanction the prosecution of the CM. Don't we have anything else to do? Siddaramaiah was a victim of a conspiracy within his own party. Deve Gowda went to Shah to discuss the issue of ST tag for the Kadugolla community. I went too. Congress leaders gave this visit a political colour," he maintained.

"Someone is pretending to stand with Siddaramaiah like a rock, and the latter is in a soup because of him," he alleged.

Blackmail claims

Replying to the CM and Congress questioning the governor, since the latter did not give sanction to prosecute Kumaraswamy in an illegal mining case, despite the Lokayukta seeking it, the former CM maintained that the case is with the Supreme Court. He alleged that the Congress government and ministers were blackmailing him by digging up the old case of Sai Venkateshwara Mining scam, even as the trial was on in the Supreme Court. The Congress is insulting the governor, he added.

"In 2006, within two months of my becoming the CM, I was accused of collecting Rs 150 crore from mining owners. 'CD Shiva' tried to make a CD about it. In the Assembly, he said that the operation was a success. There was a great deal of discussion. I said that I will fight alone. Does Siddaramaiah remember this," he questioned.

Kumaraswamy clarified that the Jantakal Mining case was dismissed in the High Court, and dared the Congress government to investigate the Sai Venkateshwara Mining scam and also go to the Supreme Court.

"When there were more cases against Siddaramaiah in the Lokayukta, he formed the ACB to cover them up. There is a lot about Siddaramaiah to be revealed," he stated, adding, "I have not urged Siddaramaiah to resign as chief minister. He will not resign either. I know that. But the law will take its own course."

BYV: Violence against women frequent under Siddu govt

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BJP state president BY Vijayendra expressed concern over rising incidents of violence against women, including rape, in Karnataka, and alleged that it has become frequent under Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's government.

On his social media handle, Vijayendra said that incidents of rape, sexual harassment, murders and other violence against women have become alarmingly frequent, raising serious questions over the present administration. "Our state now seems to have transformed into a lawless den for criminals, where women are left vulnerable and unprotected," he alleged.

Pointing to the latest incident of rape reported in HSR Layout, Bengaluru, Vijayendra said, "This is yet another grim reminder of the gross incompetency and apparent lack of any strong will within the @siddaramaiah government to prevent such heinous crimes. It's disheartening to see that despite the mounting cases, there seems to be no concrete action or decisive leadership to curb this alarming trend."

Gig, cine workers' bills must become user-friendly: NLSIU experts

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THE state government recently introduced several bills to provide social welfare benefits to various worker groups, but they should be revised and made user-friendly, said a team of experts from the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru.

The Karnataka Platform-Based Gig Workers -- Social Security and Welfare Bill, 2024, targeting gig and platform workers, and the Karnataka Cine and Cultural Activists -- Welfare Bill, 2024, aimed at cine and cultural workers, propose creating a fund, financed through earmarked measures, to support welfare benefits for these workers.

But Prof Babu Mathew from NLSIU and his team, consisting of Prof Ashrita Kotha and Dr Madhulika, said, "While the bills represent a step in the right direction, they need revisions to clearly outline welfare benefits, establish a robust fund management framework and ensure regular reviews. These improvements will assure workers of social security, build credibility for this welfare model and encourage voluntary compliance from companies."

They said, "Using earmarked measures to fund labour welfare is not new, as seen in past legislation like the Beedi Workers Welfare Cess Act of 1976, which provided social security for beedi workers. Earmarking has also been used for initiatives like the Swachh Bharat Cess for cleanliness drives."

They said, "While these bills aim to improve workers' lives through redistributive welfare measures, they contain several shortcomings that could hinder workers' access to these benefits. Specifically, the Karnataka Platform-Based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Bill, 2024, lacks a clear accountability framework for fund usage."

They said, "Historically, cesses have faced issues with poor administration. For instance, under the Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) Welfare Cess Act, 1996, only a small fraction of the collected funds was used for the intended welfare of construction workers, with significant funds being diverted for other purposes, including during the Covid-19 period."

They said, "To ensure accountability in labour welfare legislation using earmarked funds, it is essential to define the earmarked purpose clearly, which the Karnataka Bill fails to do. Unlike older legislation, the Karnataka Bill does not explicitly list specific welfare benefits for workers, instead using vague language about social security schemes. The bill also lacks detailed guidance on fund management, allocation for administrative expenses, and a timeline for implementation."

They said, "Moreover, the bill does not mandate regular reviews of the collected funds versus their utilisation, risking the continuation of ineffective measures. A robust legislative framework for fund management and accountability is necessary to ensure the legislation's success."

The National Highway stretch in Udupi district has turned out to be notorious, with many people losing their lives in fatal accidents. As per the latest report of the district police, as many as 222 people lost their lives in the road mishaps that occurred between Hejamady and Shiroor on NH-66 in 2023

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Name of the Borrrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount (in Rupees)	Description of the Property
Mr. Mohammed Mazhar Ali & Mr. Shoiab Ahmed Loan Account No. 412000003559 Symbolic Possession Taken date : 13/08/2024	07/11/2023	Rs. 54,14,773.00 (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Three Only)	Description of the property : Schedule Property: (Description of the entire land Area) : ITEM No.1: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearingCorporation Khatha No.426/715/B/540/2/31/2 [old Assessment No.540, khatha No.31[old Khaneshumari No.38], situated at Kote, Kengeri, Bengaluru, Kengeri Sub-divisionand including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring East to West : 23.6+ 34.4/2 29 mts North to South : 19+15.06/2 = 17.3 mts Total Area 493.87 Square Meters And bounded as follows : East by : Road, leading to Vrushabhavathi river. West by : Road North by : Road South by: Property belongs to Vendor. ITEM No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearingCorporation Khatha No.826/715/A/540/1/31/1 [Old Assessment No,.540, khatha No.31[Old Khaneshumari No.39], situated at Kote, Kengeri, Bengaluru, Kengeri Sub-divisionand including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring East to West : 13.97 + 14.71 /2 = 14.34 mts. North to South : 31.22+7.95+9.74+43.36/2 = 46.13 mts. Total Area 661 Square meters. And bounded as follows : East by : Property belonging to Mr. Venkataswamy and passage lead to Vrushabhavathi river. West by : Portion of property of Abdus Salam Sold to Mr. N.H. Shariff having TMC Khatha No.540/31 North by : Property belongs to Mr. N.H. Shariff In TMC khatha No.540/2, property No.31/2 South by : Road ITEM No.3 : All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearingCorporation khatha No.32/715/540/31 [Old Assessment No.540/31, khatha No.31 [Old property bearingKhaneshumari No.41], situated at Kote, kengeri, Bengaluru, Kengeri Sub-division andincluding all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring: East to West : 11.53+ 19.69/2 = 15.6 mts North to South : 43.36 Meters Total area 676.4 Square Meters And bounded as follows: East by : Property of late K.L. Narasimhaiah, old Khaneshumari No.39 sold to Mr.NenumalMoorjani. West by : Nanjundappa's property and Road North by : Property of Late K.L. Narasimhaiah, old Khaneshumari No.38 sold toMr. N.H. Shariff. South by : Road. COMPOSITE SCHEDULE-'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property being a vacant site bearing Corporation Khatha No.426/715/B/540/2/31/2, No.826/715/A/540/ 1/31/1and No.32/715/540/31, the katha of composite schedule A Property is amalgamated vide BBMP Katha No.715/540/31/31/1/31/2, situated at Kote, Kengeri, Bengaluru, Kengeri Sub-division, measuring approximately 16300 square feet and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring: East to West : A to H- 89 feet B to C 25 feet D to E- 72.7 feet F to G- 39 feet North to South: A to B- 92 feet C to D- 92.11 feet E to F 110.10 feet G to H- 77 feet And bounded as follows :p East by : Road, leading to Vrushabhavathi river [Private Property shown as ABCJ in The sketch]. West by : Road and [Private Property shown as HGFI in the sketch] North by : Road South by : Road SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 318.01 Sq. Ft., of Undivided Share, right, title and interest in the Schedules "A" Property hereby conveyed by the Vendors to the Purchaser. SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : Flat No. A-301 (Third Floor) in Block-A, of the building known as 'RFTWLIGHT' Constructed on the Schedule A Property, having a super built-up Area of 1092.44 square feet, having RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Floors, Sal Wood Doors &Aluminium windows, and Separate Electricity, Common Water and Sanitation, including Common area rights and One Car parking slot in Stilt Floor, and including all rights, privileges, appurtenances thereto.
Mr. Mohammed Mazhar Ali & Mr. Shoiab Ahmed Loan Account No. 412000003562 Symbolic Possession Taken date : 13/08/2024	19/12/2023	Rs. 55,88,427.00 (Rupees Fifty five lakh eighty eight thousand four hundred twenty seven only)	SCHEDULE PROPERTY (Description of the entire land Area) ITEM No.1: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Corporation Khatha No.426/715/B/540/2/31/2 [old Assessment No.540, khatha No.31[old Khaneshumari No.38], situated at Kote, Kengeri, Bengaluru, Kengeri Sub-division and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring East to West : 23.6+ 34.4/2 29 mts North to South : 19+15.06/2 = 17.3 mts Total Area 493.87 Square Meters And bounded as follows: East by: Road, leading to Vrushabhavathi river. West by : Road North by: Road South by: Property belongs to Vendor. ITEM No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Corporation Khatha No.826/715/A/540/1/31/1 [Old Assessment No,.540, khatha No.31[Old Khaneshumari No.39], situated at Kote, Kengeri, Bengaluru, Kengeri Sub-division and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring East to West: 13.97 + 14.71 /2 = 14.34 mts. North to South:31.22+7.95+9.74+43.36/2 = 46.13 mts., Total Area 661 Square meters. And bounded as follows: East by : Property belonging to Mr. Venkataswamy and passage lead to Vrushabhavathi river. West by : Portion of property of Abdus Salam Sold to Mr. N.H. Shariff having TMC Khatha No.540/31 North by : Property belongs to Mr. N.H. Shariff In TMC khatha No.540/2, property No.31/2 South by : Road ITEM No.3 : All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Corporation khatha No.32/715/540/31 [Old Assessment No.540/31, khatha No.31 [Old property bearing Khaneshumari No.41], situated at Kote, kengeri, Bengaluru, Kengeri Sub-division and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring: East to West : 11.53+ 19.69/2 = 15.6 mts North to South : 43.36 Meters Total area 676.4 Square Meters And bounded as follows: East by : Property of late K.L. Narasimhaiah, old Khaneshumari No.39 sold to Mr.NenumalMoorjani. West by : Nanjundappa's property and Road North by: Property of Late K.L. Narasimhaiah, old Khaneshumari No.38 sold toMr. N.H. Shariff. South by: Road. COMPOSITE SCHEDULE-'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property being a vacant site bearing Corporation Khatha No.426/715/B/540/2/31/2, No.826/715/A/540/ 1/31/1and No.32/715/540/31, the katha of composite schedule A Property is amalgamated vide BBMP Katha No.715/540/31/31/1/31/2, situated at Kote, Kengeri, Bengaluru,Kengeri Sub-division, measuring approximately 16300 square feet and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring: East to West: A to H- 89 feet, B to C 25 feet, D to E- 72.7 feet, F to G- 39 feet North to South: A to B- 92 feet, C to D- 92.11 feet, E to F 110.10 feet, G to H- 77 feet And bounded as follows: East by : Road, leading to Vrushabhavathi river [Private Property shown as ABCJ in The sketch]. West by : Road and [Private Property shown as HGFI in the sketch] North by : Road South by : Road SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 318.01 Sq. Ft., of Undivided Share, right, title and interest in the Schedules "A" Property hereby conveyed by the Vendors to the Purchaser. SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : Flat No. B-304 (Third Floor) in Block-B, of the building known as 'RFTWLIGHT' Constructed on the Schedule A Property, having a super built-up Area of 1092.44 square feet, having RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Floors, Sal Wood Doors &Aluminium windows, and Separate Electricity, Common Water and Sanitation, including Common area rights and One Car parking slot in Stilt Floor, and including all rights, privileges, appurtenances thereto and Bounded on East by: Set Back Area West by: Staircase and Lift North by: Flat No. B-303 South by : Set Back Area.
Mr Siddalingaiah Hiremath & Ms Vijaya Siddalingaiah Loan Account No. 411900013311 Symbolic Possession Taken date : 13/08/2024	26/09/2023	Rs.31,24,392.00 (Thirty One Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred And Ninety Two)	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY :All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing a portion of the large extent of property bearing No. 2, HMT Main Road, Peenya Village, Yeshawanthapur, Corporation Division, No. ½, Bangalore – 560022, (earlier comprised in Sy. No. 47 & 48, Peenya Village, Yeshawanthapur Hobli, Bangalore) on which multi-storied complex comprising of several Block are constructed in the name of "PLATINUM CITY PROJECT" and the land beneath and said 'O' Block, measuring from East to West: 78 mtrs. (255.84 ft.), North to South – 76.57 mts.(251.15 ft.) in all measuring about 5972.46 sq. mtrs. (64,254.11 Sq.ft.) and bounded as follows: East by : 'B' Block of the Platinum City Project West by : Bharat Fritz Werner Factory North by : Open space of the Platinum City Project South by : Open space of the Platinum City Project SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : (Undivided interest in Land being conveyed) : 140.18 SQ.FT. Undivided share of land in 'o' Block of the project known as 'PLATINUM CITY' bearing no. 2, HMT Main Road, Peenya Village, Yeshawanthapur, Corporation Division No.1/2, Bangalore – 560022, (Schedule 'A' Property). SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : (Apartment herein referred) Apartment bearing No. TW-1322, situated on the 12th Floor, of Phase – II of 'O' Block of 'PLATINUM CITY' constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property with a super built up area of 860 Sq.feet comprised of 2 Bed Rooms with attached bathrooms, Hall and Kitchen and in area of common use.
Mr. Prashantha Kumar and Ms. Krishnappa Kavitha Kumari Loan Account No. 410200007258 Symbolic Possession Taken date : 13/08/2024	06/12/2022	Rs. 1,17,32,795.00 (Rupees one crore seventeen lakh thirty two thousand seven hundred and ninety five only)	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel of the property bearing OLD Corporation No.15, 15/1, 16 and 16/1, Now assigned as consolidated Corporation No.15, PID NO.1-39-15, situated at S.M.Road, Jalahalli West, Bangalore – 560 015, Peenya Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, previously BBMP Ward No.1, Presently comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore totally measuring 4544 sq.ft out of entire measuring 22993 sq.ft and bounded on:- East by : Private property West by : Private property North by : Road South by : Road and Private property SCHEDULE B PROPERTY : 296 sq.feet of Undivided share, right, title, interest in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY. SCHEDULE C PROPERTY ; Apartment bearing Flat No.C-8, situated in the SECOND FLOOR, having super built up area of 1300 square feet, consisting of Two Bed Rooms, with vitrified flooring, building known as "GLOBAL AURA PROJECT" of 'C' Block, constructed on Schedule 'A' Property with rights to pass through the area leading to the main road and free egress and ingress and entitled for all the common areas and civic amenities and covered Car parking.
Mr. Raghavendra G Loan Account No. 410400011153 Symbolic Possession Taken date : 13/08/2024	18/01/2024	Rs.54,03,871.00 (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy One Only)	SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : (Entire Property) : All that piece and parcel of Site bearing No.426, formed in the Survey Nos.91/2, 99/1, 99/2, 99/3, 101/2, 140, 141, 142, 173, 174, 175,178, 180, 181, 182, 184, 188, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 207, 208, 210, 211, 217/1B, 217/2, 218/1, 218/2, 219, 220, 223/1, 223/2, 223/3, 224/1, 224/2,225, 226, 227, 228, 229/1, 230 & 241 situated at Halagevaderahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore, presently comes under the limits of BBMP, Khatha No.2650/2586/426/2638, at BEML 5th Stage, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 65 geet, in all measuring 2600 Sq.ft. or 288.88 Sq.Yards, together with all the rights, appurtenances, whatsoever underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by:Site No.427, West by:Site No.425, North by:Site No.421, South by: Road. Schedule "B" Property : (Description of the undivided interest in the land herein) : 350 Sq.feet undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised in the schedule 'A' property. SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : (Property herein Conveyed) Three Bed Rooms apartment bearing Flat NO.001, in the Ground Floor, measuring 1400 Square feet of super built up area with vitrified Tiles Flooring, with one covered car parking place in the Basement/Stilt Floor, part of multistoried residential apartment known as "MEDINI RESIDENCY" constructed at Schedule 'A' Property along with all the rights in the common area and easements.
Mr. Nagaraj V & Ms. Mamatha V Loan Account No. 411600006532 Symbolic Possession Taken date : 14/08/2024	05/12/2023	Rs.53,75,036.00 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Thirty Six Only)	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : (Description of the Entire Property) : All that piece and parcel of residential land bearing No.47, Assessment No.47, BBMP Khata No.1294/47, New PID No.005-W0790-6-1, situated at Katigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, In BBMP Ward No.05, Bangalore admeasuring East to West: 86.7 ft. North to South: 157 ft., in all measuring 13613 Sq.Ft., and bounded as follows: East by: Smt.Earamma's Property, West by: Government Road North by:Smt.A Muniratnamma's property, South by: Property belongs to Sri. Krishnegowda. SCHEDULE 'B PROPERTY (Subject matter of transaction) : All that piece and parcel of Flat No.310, on 3rd Floor of the multi storied building known as "VIVEN TRIALS' constructed and erected on residential land bearing No.47, Assessment No.47, BBMP Khata No.1294/47, New PID NO.005-W0790-6-1, situated at Katigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, In BBMP Ward No.05, Bangalore with details and other attributes given hereunder: Undivided right, title and interest in land 309 Sq.ft., comprised in Schedule 'A' Property Super built-up area : 1168 Sq.ft. including proportionate share of common area with the floors, ceiling and walls between apartments jointly belonging to such apartment owners equally Accommodation Consisting of a living-cum-dining room, 3 Bed rooms, a Kitchen, 2 Bathroom-cum-toilets, etc., inclusive of proportionate area of common facilities like staircases, corridor etc., Car Parking: One covered parking space Roof : RCC Floor: Vitrified tiles Walls: Cement Blocks Doors & Windows: Red Sal doors and aluminium window shutters Amenities provided: Water, electricity and sanitary connections
Mr. Pathan Noorulla Loan Account No. 411900012847 Symbolic Possession Taken date : 14/08/2024	13/09/2023	Rs. 50,93,100.00 (Rupees Fifty lakh ninety three thousand one hundred only)	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel of the Residential Building Bearing Site No.54, Assessment No.546, Khata NO.50/1/54, Situated at Sathnur Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 35 Feet, in all totally Measuring 1400 Sq.ft., bounded on the :- East by: 30 Feet Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Private property South by: Site No.55 The Schedule property consists of a residential house consisting of Ground floor Measuring 1100 Sq.ft, First floors Measuring 1200 sq.ft and Second Floor Measuring 300 Sq.ft in all totally measuring 2600 sq.ft, with RCC roof, Vitrified tiles, Jungle woods used for doors and windows. The Schedule property is provided with all civic amenities.
Mr. Kantharaj Gowda T. Loan Account No. 410200007535 Symbolic Possession Taken date : 14/08/2024	30/03/2024	Rs. 1,18,89,985.00 (Rupees One Crore Eighteen Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five Only)	SCHEDULE " A" PROPERTY : ITEM NO.1: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.151 Old No.3, measuring 1 Acre out of 2 Acres situated at Byrathi Village, Doddagubbi Gram Panchayat Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Remaining Portion of Sy.No.115 belonging to the Vendor, South by: Remaining Portion of Sy.No.115 belonging to the Vendor. ITEM NO.2: :All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.151 Old No.3, measuring 1 Acre out of 2 Acres situated at Byrathi Village, Doddagubbi Gram Panchayat Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Land belonging to Sri.Muniswamy South by: Remaining Portion of Sy.No.115 belonging to the Vendor. ITEM NO3: [Clubbed Property of Item No.1 and 2] All that piece and parcel of land being residential converted property bearing Survey No.115/2 [Old Proeprty No.115] situated at Byrathi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and now bearing New Corporation No.7 of Property No.115/2 {Old Survey No.115) Byrathi in Corporation Ward No.54, Bangalore measuring 2 Acres in extent and bounded on: East by: Property bearing Survey No.110, West by: Government Road, North by: Private Property bearing Survey No.8, South by: Property bearing Survey No.115/1. SCHEDULE "B" : 353.29 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule'A' above. SCHEDULE "C" : Falt bearing No.T1-B2-206, in the Second Floor, measuring about 1302.26 Sq.feet super builtup area, along with 353.29 Sq.feet UDS, containing 2 Bed Rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with one covered Car Parking space including proportionate share in Common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building complex known as "ELEGANT ALTIS" constructed over Schedule 'A' Property.
Ms. Farahdeeba Philip Anthony Loan Account No. 410700000418 Symbolic Possession Taken date : 14/08/2024	21/09/2023	Rs.37,68,173.00 (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand And One Hundred Seventy Three Only)	SCHEDULE 'A' : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Nos. 5,6,7,8,9,14,15,22,23,24,16,17,18,19,20,21,25A,26,27 and 28 BBMP Katha No.1324/866/5, situated at Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore North measuring East to West 183.5+135.3/2 feet and North to South 223+147/2 Feet and bounded on the: East by : Private property West by : Road, North by : Road and Maruthi Nagar Housing Board Layout, South by: Property belongs Smt. Vijayamma SCHEDULE 'B' (Flat No. 413) : 279 Square feet undivided right, title and interest in the schedule 'A' property SCHEDULE 'C' APARTMENT : (SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS SALE DEED NO. 6830) " A Two Bed Room apartment bearing No. 413 situated on 4th Floor in building known as "Madhila Deluxe" constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property with a super built up area of1040 Sqft along with one covered Car Parking area in basement and having R.C.C Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Main Door and Shutter decorative moulded, made of quality hard wood (both sides teak finish), Wood windows / internal flush Doors with sal wood frames with proportionate share in common areas, lobbies, staircase, etc. with electricity, water and sanitary connection with all appurtenances whatsoever, with common use of approach to car park area and staircase and bounded on the: East by:Corridor West by:Common area North by:Apartment No. 412 South by: Apartment No. 414. SCHEDULE 'B' : (Flat No. 412) : 2719 Square feet undivided right, title and interest in the schedule 'A' property SCHEDULE 'C' APARTMENT (SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS SALE DEED NO. 6831) : A Two Bed Room apartment bearing No. 412 situated on 4th Floor in building known as "Madhila Deluxe" constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property with a super built up area of 1010 Sqft along with one covered Car Parking area in basement and having R.C.C Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Main Door and Shutter decorative moulded, made of quality hard wood (both sides teak finish), Wood windows / internal flush Doors with sal wood frames with proportionate share in common areas, lobbies, staircase, etc. with electricity, water and sanitary connection with all appurtenances whatsoever, with common use of approach to car park area and staircase and bounded on the: East by:Common area West by:Corridor and Common areaNorth by: Apartment No. 411South by:Apartment No. 413
Mr. Vijaya Kumar B G Loan Account No. 411500008630 Symbolic Possession Taken date : 14/08/2024	19/10/2023	Rs.47,09,310.00 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ten Only)	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 35, & 36, Old ITI notified area Kata No. 11/12/1, earlier K R Puram CMC Khata No.117, present BBMP Khata No. 117 formed in Sy.No.2/1, situated at Sonnathammanahalli @ Thambuchetty Palya, K R PuramHobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, earlier under K R Puram CMC, now coming under BBMP limits, Bangalore, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 80 Feet and bounded on the: East by : Site No. 33 and 34, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 37 South by: Road. SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : 271 Sq.ft. Of undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property in the Schedule 'A' above. SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : Flat bearing No. 203, in the Second Floor, having super built up area of 1355 Sq.ft. Containing Three Bed Rooms together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring along with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase etc., in the multi-storied residential building known as "S.B.ROYAL" constructed on Schedule 'A' property.

Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

'16% income gap between Dalit biz owners, others'

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

DALIT business owners in the country experience a significant income gap of around 16%, when compared to those from other structurally disadvantaged backgrounds such as OBCs, Adivasis and Muslims, due to certain stigmas attached to their caste, revealed a study conducted by the Indian Institute of Management - Bangalore (IIM-B). The study arrived at this analysis, despite controlling and matching for correlated factors such as education, land ownership, urban setting and social environment in its regression, which are often unaccounted for in caste-based research.

The research paper, 'It's not Who You Know, but Who You Are: Explaining Income Gaps of Stigmatized-Caste Business Owners in India', was published in the PLOS One journal by IIM-B Professor Prateek Raj; and co-authored by Prof Hari Bapuji, University of Melbourne; and Prof Thomas Roulet, University of Cambridge. It offers vital insights into the systemic barriers faced by Dalit business owners. It further provides a roadmap for creating a more equitable economic landscape in India.

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>
> Prof Prateek Raj, IIM-B

"Dalit business owners will likely receive lower returns for their social capital due to frequent rejections, micro-aggressions, and the burden of managing their stigmatised identity, which hinders their ability to secure valuable business opportunities," highlighted the paper. Another interesting finding is that not just at the initial level, but as businesses grow with a high level of social capital, the gap keeps widening for Dalit business owners. Such individuals face unique stigma-related disadvantages that cannot be equated with other forms of identity-based challenges, such as gender, race, or ethnicity, explained Prof Raj, the first author of the study.

Speaking to *TNIE* about the long-term impacts of income gaps in a growing economy such as India, Prof Raj said they would often lead to inefficient allocation of resources. "Income inequality due to identity-related factors leads to misallocation of resources. Someone talented in business, may not be able to perform to their fullest potential due to their caste. Caste stigma, like racism in the US and European countries, make economies inefficient," he explained.

Studies highlight that there are over 300 million Dalits in India alone, who can be helped with the right policy interventions from the government. "Skill development is certainly something that policymakers should prioritise, as human capital is associated with higher income for Dalit business owners just like others. Additionally, we need to consider how networking events, which tend to be so important in business, can be designed to be more inclusive so that they include, engage and benefit Dalit business owners as well," suggested the IIM-B professor.

EXPRESS READ

India Post inks pact to deliver crop products at doorsteps of farmers

BENGALURU: The Karnataka Postal Circle has signed a contract with Zuari Farmhub Pvt Ltd in Bengaluru for doorstep delivery of plant nutrients, and crop care products to farmers via Speed Post. The contract was signed on Aug 12 between Chief Postmaster General (CPMG), Karnataka Circle, S Rajendra Kumar and MD & CEO of the firm, Madan Pandey. Assistant Director, Business Development, S Annalakshmi told TNIE, "Entering the agri-segment is one of our new initiatives." The firm, popularly known as Jai Kisan Junction, has an Android app called 'FarmApp'. The CPMG said, "In the first phase, service will be provided to 250 stores of the firm in Karnataka. Pick-up service will be offered through Pick up Management System of India Post. Any order placed through `Farm App' flows to India Post through Application Programming Interface. Warehouse pick-up and delivery to retail stores will also be done."

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Manjunath. H**, S/o.late.Hanumantha Rao, aged about 51 years, residing at NO.134, near Janapriya Apartments , SLN layout, kadabagere Cross, Yeahwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru 562 130., he have intend to purchase the schedule property from the owner Sri.Ajay Kumar.M.R, S/o. Ramanjanappa.A, aged about 30 years, residing at No.43/B, 12th A Cross, near Anjanaya Temple, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru 560 056., accordingly parties have entered into sale agreement dated: 08-08-2024. The owner represents that he is the absolute owner in possession of the schedule property and the schedule property is free from any kind of encumbrance, any person or persons, any legal heirs, asserting any right, title, interest claim or demand whatsoever in the schedule property or any part thereof, is hereby required to notify the same in writing to the undersigned within a period Seven (7) days from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof thereof, failing which my client will treat the title of schedule property as clear and marketable and will proceed to enter into

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All that piece and parcel of the Residential converted property bearing Site No.232., formed in Sy.No.90/2 and 90/3 situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk presently within BBMP Ward No.:129 converted vide DC Order ALN/SR(N)143/2002-03 daed:10-04-2003, measuring East to West 40 feet and North To South 30 feet in all 1200Sq.Ft and bounded on the ; **East by:**Site NO.211,
West by: Road,
North by: Site NO.231,
South by: Site NO.233,

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Sd/-
Assistant General Manager
CIBM, Manipal

Place: Manipal
Date: 19.08.2024

Judicial Magistrate Court in Orathanadu, TN, issued a notice to the Chief Medical Officer of Pattukkottai hospital for refusing to treat a gang rape victim, and asked him to identify the duty doctor and give reasons why action should not be initiated against the doctor under section 200 of BNS

Ahead of Rajnath event, DG, Coast Guard, dies of heart attack

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

DIRECTOR General of Indian Coast Guard Rakesh Pal (59) passed away due to cardiac arrest in Chennai on Sunday afternoon. Pal, who took charge as the 25th Indian Coast Guard (ICG) chief on July 19 last year, was in the city for the inauguration of the state-of-the-art Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) building by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday.

The officer suffered a cardiac arrest before the inauguration event and was rushed to Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital where he was declared dead. The Defence Minister, who was in Chennai to release a commemorative coin to mark Kalaignar M Karunanidhi's birth centenary, visited the hospital and paid his last respects. Sources said the mortal remains of the officer will be flown to New Delhi soon. "He was an able and committed officer under whose leadership ICG was making big strides in strengthening India's maritime security. My heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family," the minister said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and TN Chief Minister MK Stalin pay their last respects to the mortal remains of Indian Coast Guard Director General, Rakesh Pal who died at a hospital following a cardiac arrest, on Sunday.

In his distinguished career spanning 34 years, the flag officer had held several key appointments on the sea and ashore. Prominent among them were Commander Coast Guard Region (North West), Deputy Director General (Policy and Plans) and Additional Director General at Coast Guard Headquarters in New Delhi. He also held various prestigious staff assignments namely Director (Infra and Works) and Principal Director (Administration) at Coast Guard headquarters. Pal was known for having a vast sea experience and commanded all class of Indian Coast Guard ships namely Samarth, Vijit, Sucheta Kriplani, Ahalyabai and C-03.

The officer also commanded two Coast Guard Base of forward area in Gujarat that is Okha and Vadinar. He was elevated to the rank of additional director general in February 2022 and appointed as additional director general at Coast Guard headquarters. Pal was an alumnus of the Indian Naval Academy and joined Indian Coast Guard in January 1989. He had undergone professional specialisation in gunnery and weapons system at Indian Naval School Dronacharya, Kochi, and electro-optics fire control solution course from the UK.

Def Min pays rich tributes to Kalaignar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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POLITICAL differences took a backseat on Sunday when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hailed former CM Karunanidhi and recalled his achievements. At a grand function held here in the presence of CM MK Stalin, the Defence Minister released a commemorative coin of Rs.100 to mark the birth centenary of the late leader.

Throughout his speech, Rajnath Singh was all praise for Karunanidhi on various counts. "While many regional parties that emerged during that time have vanished, Karunanidhi provided such a strong foundation to DMK that it remains the only regional party of the 1960s, continuing to hold power even today," Rajnath added.

"He said while deeply rooted in Tamil identity, Karunanidhi never allowed regionalism to undermine the unity of India.Karunanidhi understood that the strength of Indian democracy lies in its ability to accommodate diverse voices and identities. His insistence on state rights was a call for a more balanced and equitable distribution of power within the Union," he added.

119 Wayanad landslide victims still missing

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The Wayanad district administration on Sunday released the official draft list of the 119 people who are still missing following the devastating July 30 landslides. The initial list mentioned 128 people as missing, but the number was decreased after DNA test results started coming in. The district administration officials said the latest list, however, is not final. As of August 14, 401 DNA tests have been conducted, and the results of several decomposed body parts are delayed. The officials are trying to complete the process of comparing the DNA from the blood samples of the relatives of the missing persons with the body parts found.

Meanwhile, search for the missing persons in the Mundakkai-Chooralmala landslides is in progress. The operations are under way in Mundakkai and Chooralmala areas and along the banks of the Soochipara-Chaliyar river. No bodies or body parts have been found in the search conducted in the areas in the past few days.

Volunteers unfamiliar with the area are not allowed to search through the forest at present, and the operations are being carried out under the leadership of the teams from the Fire and Rescue Services and the National Disaster Response Force. The motor vehicles department is collecting information about vehicles that were lost in the disaster and those that are unserviceable. The government is planning to shift the families that are staying in relief camps to rented houses by Tuesday and start classes in schools currently functioning as camps. There are nine relief camps functioning in Meppadi panchayat at present.

Patient assaults staff at mental health centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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A female nursing staff at the Government Mental Health Centre at Kuthiravattom in Kozhikode was brutally assaulted during the wee hours on Sunday while she was attending a patient. The incident occurred at 2am when she was administering medication to a male patient in the 7th ward. The patient is known for exhibiting violent behaviour.

After giving the injection, the patient viciously kicked the nurse, causing her to collide with an iron grill, resulting in a severe fracture to her right hand and a deep cut above her eye, which required six stitches. The patient also attacked the security personnel on duty, underscoring the critical safety issues at the facility.

The injured nurse was immediately taken to Kozhikode Government Medical College Hospital, where she is currently being treated.

In the wake of this disturbing incident, the Kerala Government Nurses Association has initiated a protest, demanding swift action from hospital authorities. Kozhikode district secretary P Prajith and president Smitha have called for urgent measures to protect nursing staff.

The Kuthiravattom Mental Health Centre is currently facing a significant shortage of security personnel, with a deficit of 20 staff members. The shortage has raised serious concerns about the safety of hospital employees. The association is pressing for an immediate upgrade to the security system.

'Working to make AI surveillance tech better'

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"I never drive a car without a seatbelt, and if I try to, my car will not allow me to drive. I believe it's a false challan and request everyone to check theirs. If many are getting such challans, it has to be brought to the attention of the authorities and action should be taken," Prithvi Chandrashekar said.

Mysuru Police Commissioner Seema Ladkar acknowledged the problem, saying, "We are aware of this, and are working on it. ADGP Alok Kumar, who heads traffic and road safety division, is also aware of this. We are working to make the technology better, and the R&D is going on."

Bengaluru's Additional Traffic Commissioner N Anucheth said, "As far as Bengaluru city is concerned, this issue has been sorted out since December 2023. The issue was with AI technology. Now we manually validate each violation image raised by AI cameras and then issue the challan only if found correct. The falsely identified images are fed back to the system to improve AI. We have reached 99.99% accuracy. Some human errors may still creep in. The system started in December 2022, so the challans raised between December 2022 and November 2023 are being revalidated automatically, and all such wrongly raised challans are being deleted automatically."

Citizens who have challans issued wrongly and want to cancel them can mail automationpubbcp@ksp.gov.in or bangaloretrafficpolice@gmail.com, Anucheth said. They can also visit the BTP Traffic Management Centre, nearest traffic police station or even download the KSP app because it has an option to view a challan and raise a dispute, Anucheth said.

EXPRESS READ

Cong failed to fulfil promise: KTR

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao in a letter to leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, alleged that the government in Telangana failed to fulfil its promise to waive crop loans. "The Congress party leaders, including yourself and CM Revanth Reddy, made a grand promise during the Assembly elections to implement a `2 lakh loan waiver at one go on December 9, 2023. This loan waiver promise is a key component of the 'Warangal Rythu Declaration' released by Rahul in 2022.

SC to hear Kavitha's case on Tuesday

New Delhi: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Tuesday BRS leader K Kavitha's pleas seeking bail in corruption and money laundering cases linked to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam. The apex court had on August 12 sought responses from the CBI and ED on Kavitha's pleas challenging the Delhi High Court's July 1 verdict denying her bail in these cases. As per the cause list of August 20 uploaded on the top court website, a bench of justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan is slated to hear her pleas.

Conmen create CJ's fake Insta, seek cash

Kochi: In a recent case of social media fraud, miscreants created a fake Insta account impersonating former High Court Chief Justice AJ Desai and solicited money in his name. Kochi cyber crime police launched an investigation after receiving the complaint on Saturday. According to the FIR, the unknown culprits set up an Instagram page under Desai's name shortly after he retired from the Kerala HC on July 4 this year, and asked money from his PA and escort assistant. The judge's assistant then filed a complaint with the Registrar General of the High Court

Passenger amenities in SWR get ₹961.22 crore

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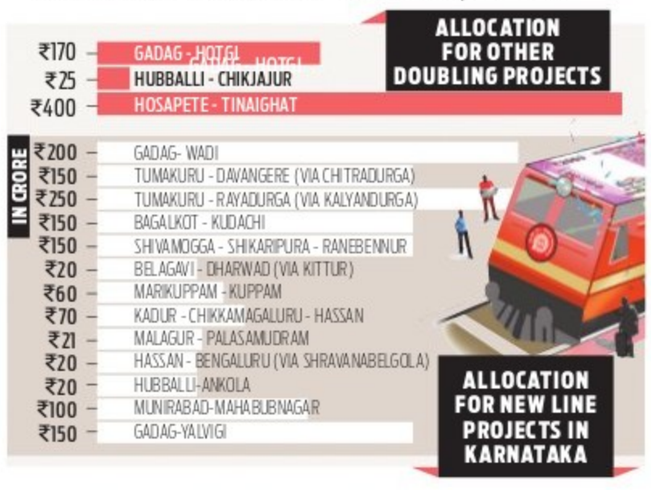
CONTINUING the emphasis on passenger amenities, the budgetary allocation for the South Western Railway Zone is Rs 961.22 crore in the Union budget 2024-2025. An allocation of Rs 1,448.91 crore for new lines and Rs 1,241 crore for doubling has been earmarked out of the total outlay of Rs 6,493.87 crore announced for the Zone in the budget presented last month.

Four doubling projects in Bengaluru Division and one quadrupling project are among those that have received allocations. The Pink Book (detailed document on allocations for various zones and projects), released on Saturday (Aug 17) highlighted the individual allocations for different projects.

An official release from SWR said, "Rs 961.22 crore has been allocated to ensure uninterrupted high quality service to passengers." Of the four doubling projects in Bengaluru Division, Baiyappanahalli-Hosur has received Rs 200 cr, Yesvantpur-Channasandra and Penukonda-Dharmavaram have received Rs 100 cr each, while Arsikere-Tumakuru has received Rs 20 crore. The quadrupling project between Bengaluru Cantonment and Whitefield has received Rs 200 crore, the release said.

"For safety works across SWR like the Road Over Bridge and Road Under Bridge projects, Rs 329.40cr has been allocated. They will be funded 100% by the Railways to expedite future works," the release said. The allocation for traffic facilities works is Rs 145.84 crore, it added. The allocation for traffic facilities works is Rs 145.84 crore, it added.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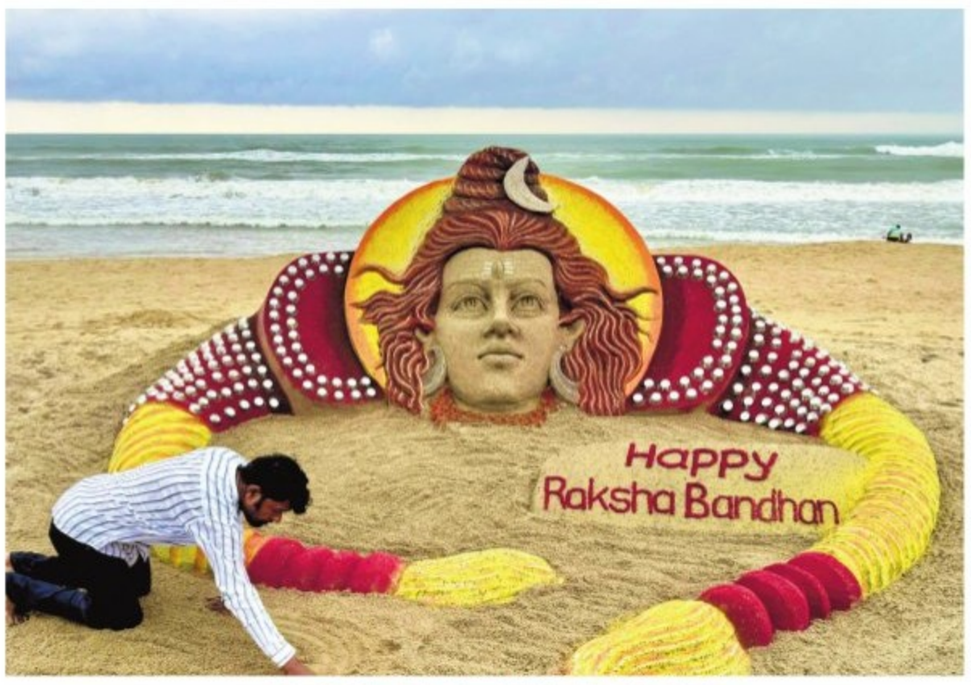

PROTECTIVE TIES

Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik creates a sculpture on the eve of Rakshabandhan festival, in Puri on Sunday

Spl trains from B'luru to B'gavi, V'pura

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TO clear the extra rush of passengers for the upcoming festive season, South Western Railway will run special trains between Yesvantpur and Belagavi, and SMVT Bengaluru to Vijayapura stations from September 5.

Train No 06555 Yesvantpur-Belagavi-Yesvantpur Special Express, will leave Yesvantpur on September 5 at 7.30 pm and reach Belagavi the next day at 7.15 am. Train No 06556 will leave Belagavi on September 6 at 8.45 am and reach Yesvantpur the same day at 8 pm, halting at Tumakuru, Arsikere, Birur, Davangere, Harihar, Haveri, SSS Hubballi, Dharwad, Alnavar, Londa, and Khanapur stations in both directions.

Train No 06557 Yesvantpur-Belagavi-Yesvantpur Special Express will leave Yesvantpur on September 6 at 10.15 pm and reach Belagavi the next day at 10.15 am. Train No 06558 will leave Belagavi on September 8 at 5.30 pm and reach Yesvantpur the next day at 4.30 am, stopping at all afore mentionred stations.

Train No 06577 SMVT Bengaluru-Vijayapura-SMVT Bengaluru Special Express will leave Bengaluru on September 5 & 7 at 9 pm and reach Vijayapura the next day at 2.05 pm. Train No 06578 will leave Vijayapura on Sept 6 and 8 at 7 pm and reach Bengaluru the next day at 11.15 am, halting at Chikbanavar, Tumakuru, Arsikere, Birur, Chikjajur, Chitradurg, Rayadurg, Ballari Cantt., Tornagallu, Hosapete, Koppal, Gadag, Badami, Bagalkot and Almatti stations in both directions.

For booking and schedule information, passengers can call 139.

Victim's friend arrives, rape accused flees from the spot

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"THE man took her to an isolated location near a godown on Hosur service road. Sensing danger, the victim made an SOS emergency call to a friend. Before her friend could reach the spot within 10-15 minutes based on the location he received, the woman was already allegedly raped.

On reaching the spot, the girl's friend found a man, who was shirtless with scratches on his face. When he tried to confront him, the accused escaped. Soon after, another friend arrived and they rushed the victim, who was found lying in a semi-naked condition on the ground, to a nearby private hospital in their car. The hospital authorities alerted the police," an officer said, adding that a case was registered based on the complaint filed by the victim's friend.

On Sunday morning, the victim was subjected to a medical test and the police recorded her statement.

Additional Commissioner of Police (East), Raman Gupta, said the incident occurred between 1 and 1.30 am on Sunday. The case has been registered at the HSR Layout police station under Section 64 (punishment for rape) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Dr SHANTHARAM SHETTY'S BOOKS RELEASED

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"A successful doctor knows the importance of morality in the field of medicine, and always ensures a patient's wellbeing, rights and dignity. Renowned orthopedic surgeon Dr Shantharam Shetty is one such, who contributed a lot in enhancing the confidence among patients.

He is not just humane and always helpful, but also wrote a good number of books in both Kannada and English to spread his knowledge among common people," said Justice N Santosh Hegde, former Judge, Supreme Court of India and former Lokayukta of Karnataka.

He was speaking at the launch of Dr Shantharam Shetty's recent book – 'Cancer - God's Gift to Me, How I made it - A true story' here on August 17.

On the occasion, other books titled 'Yelubu Rogigalu and Yoga', 'Vaidya Vruttiya Neetimattu Tatva', 'Molahalli-My Golden Village - My Ancestral Home -Patel's Doddamane' were also released.

Dr H Sudarshan Ballal, Chairperson, Manipal Hospitals, and Dr A C Sreeram, Chairman, Mallige Hospital released all the books at the event.

Fight over money issue, claim police

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"WE also requested district-level officials to provide compensation to the bereaved family members. We will also submit the postmortem report to the state government soon," the official from Yelburga Social Welfare Department said. Police officials said there are no cases of untouchability in the district and the accused has been remanded in judicial custody.

"A fight broke out over a money issue. We are investigating the case from all angles," said a senior police officer.

Recently, a woman hotel owner denied food and tea to a group of Dalit youth in Koppal district, and a group of villagers had attacked her. The police intervened and arrested the hotel owner. The Dalit boys who were denied tea were later offered sweets at the same hotel.

EDITORIAL

Empowering the individual means empowering the nation. And empowerment is best served through rapid economic growth with rapid social change

Atal Bihari Vajpayee

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— Ramnath Goenka

DEMOCRACY GETS A CHANCE IN THREE-PHASE J&K ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

A gentle breeze of democracy has finally started wafting across J&K with the Election Commission of India announcing assembly polls in three phases, ending October 1. It is expected to strengthen after the new assembly is constituted and J&K's statehood restored. The previous assembly was dissolved on November 21, 2018 following the collapse of the PDP-BJP government led by Mehbooba Mufti, when the state was placed under central rule. The security situation appears much better now with reduced militancy though it picked up in the Jammu region in the past few weeks. Terror merchants and separatists have been put out of business, local hiring of youth by mujahideen outfits is dipping, all institutions are functioning normally with no strike calls or stoning, tourism is booming, and the valley just witnessed the most peaceful Amarnath yatra in recent memory. Holding elections in three phases as against five in the previous assembly polls 10 years ago itself is an index of the improvement in the overall security grid. Assembly elections could have easily been conducted simultaneously with the general elections a few months ago when polling was held in five phases in J&K, had the Election Commission been confident of pulling it off successfully.

However, the price J&K had to pay for the turnaround was staggering. Even fundamental rights were extinguished in 2019, making it a global human rights hotspot before the curbs were slowly eased. J&K's special powers under Articles 370 and 35A were smoked out by Parliament, and the state bifurcated into two Union Territories. The Supreme Court took an inordinately long time to adjudicate on the abrogation of Section 370 and imposed the September 30 deadline for fresh assembly polls. The record turnout in this year's general elections showed people's urge to participate in the democratic exercise. They defeated big hitters like Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti while electing jailed separatist Engineer Rashid. Polling percentage in the assembly elections is expected to go up further as local issues like development, prices and jobs have more resonance among the voters than national ones.

As many as 90 seats will be up for grabs. With the polls being held under international glare, the challenge for the Election Commission is to make it truly free and fair. Powerful regional parties forcing multi-cornered contests add an element of uncertainty to the whole exercise and could leave the field open for post-poll maneuvering.

RUPEE DEPRECIATION SHOWS CRACKS IN ECONOMY

THE fall of the rupee against the US dollar has been accentuated in the recent months with visible cracks in some key economic indicators. The local currency is within kissing distance of the 84-a-dollar mark. The rupee has depreciated against the dollar by almost a percent in the current calendar year but it may not breach the 84 level in FY25 with the Reserve Bank of India keeping a close watch. The weakness in the currency reflects the gathering storm clouds over the Indian economy. Indian exports have been slowing for quite some time and so have FDI inflows. In the current financial year till July, exports were 6% lower than the same period previous year. This is despite the fact that services exports showed a 7% growth. FY24 saw foreign direct investment in the country declining by 3.5%. Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have been pulling out money from the country thanks to an overheated equity market in India. In August so far, FPIs have pulled out $2.5 billion from Indian equities. Bank of Japan's decision to increase rates has also added to some of the capital outflow, neutralising the impact of inclusion of government bonds in international bond indices. The constant fear of surge in oil prices due to geopolitical tension will continue to put pressure on the rupee. In FY24, India's oil import bill was contained by heavily discounted Russian crude oil. But FY25 will be different, as discounts on Russian oil have come down significantly.

India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India, has been intervening in the currency market to moderate rupee depreciation. However, RBI has its own limits despite having at its disposal a strong forex reserve, which has crossed $675 billion. A weaker rupee would further delay RBI's easing of its monetary policy as the central bank generally adopts a hawkish stance to defend the currency. India's merchandise trade deficit in July has already touched a 9-month high of $23.5 billion. A weak rupee makes imports more expensive, and though exports benefit from a weaker domestic currency, if they do rise commensurate with imports, the trade deficit situation could further aggravate. Mind you, India's $5-trillion economy target also gets farther away with the fall in value of the Indian rupee.

QUICK TAKE

WEIRD vs FREAK SEASON

MONDAY onwards, thousands of US Democratic party delegates will descend on Chicago to anoint their pick for November's presidential election. The choice of Kamala Harris has already been decided by a phone vote. What remains is the delicate dance of Joe Biden formally handing the reins to Harris while giving her enough space to mark a policy identity of her own. Apart from the joyous jamboree that is meant to enthuse the party workers, Indian small-d democrats can take another leaf off the American system. Even if the conclusion is foregone, the candidate will need to spell out her policies. There is no place for complacency.

Growth has been slowing for decades. Recent growth is also of poorer 'quality'. It is volatile, unevenly distributed and the drivers are unsustainable. But this has been ignored across the globe

ECONOMIC RISKS HINDERING GLOBAL GROWTH

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GROWTH was fine until it wasn't, at least according to financial markets. A few economic indicators underperformed expectations, and stock market and bond markets moved to the depressive end of manic. Pundits cooed about 'corrections' and then panicked.

In truth, growth has been slowing for decades. A global average GDP growth rate of anything around 3 percent is now considered acceptable. This compares to 5 percent between 1950 and early 1970s and 3-4 percent subsequently. Recent growth is also of poorer 'quality'. It is volatile, unevenly distributed and the drivers are unsustainable.

Since the 2008 global financial crisis, activity has been driven by loose monetary policy (low, zero and even negative interest rates) and fiscal largesse, made up of tax cuts and spending on programmes that range from the rational to the quixotic. Lower interest and corporate tax rates explain probably half the real growth in corporate earnings over that period.

Global growth became unbalanced and excessively dependent on emerging markets like China and India, which have structural issues. Activity was based on cheap money-driven speculation into real estate and 'growth' stocks, such as the 'magnificent seven' focused around emergent technologies. This inflated financial asset prices and the paper wealth of higher income sections that own them, but inequality worsened. GDP per capita increases in many advanced economies are lacklustre.

There is an event-driven element, such as the rebound from the contraction of the pandemic or one-off spending on wars and disasters. True growth relies on four fundamental factors now in decline.

First, demographics—rising population and increased participation in the workforce drives activity. The world's population doubled twice in the 20th century. It will not do so once in this century. Population growth in advanced economies is slow. It is largest in geographies where poverty and lack of opportunities mean their contribution is marginal. The global population is also ageing, slowing spending and increasing the claim on income for health and aged care. There is still scope to increase workforce participation in some nations, but that depends on employment opportunities and cultural issues. Urbanisation benefits have slowed.

Second, rising trade underpins activity increasing markets and access to labour and resources. With most countries now integrated to some degree into the global system, that too has run its course. Concerns about sovereignty, security, domestic job loss and immigration are accelerating trade barriers, which will impede cross-border commerce and skills transfer. This will be felt especially in emerging markets that are reliant on both to drive development.

Third, as is now frequently cited, productivity improvements have slowed as major one-off gains from improvement in workforce skills and tech have diminished.

Fourth, innovation is waning. A new industrial revolution, despite consultants and futurists' pretty presentation slides, is not on the horizon. New technologies do not represent the quantum leap that characterised earlier episodes that introduced electricity, internal combustion engines, modern communication, entertainment, petroleum, chemical and computing.

New faddish technologies are not dramatic changes and are unlikely to create the much-sought-after virtuous cycle that creates large industries and well-paid employment. Most innovation is focused on marketing and selling existing products or amusing us to death. Smartphones and internet connectivity that feed cheap narcissism will not address urgent problems such as new resources, improving crop yields, cheap clean energy and its storage.

Many technologies such as robotics actually reduce living standards as it replaces most workers. Innovation now is about the enrichment of a few people who control the technology at the expense of the vast majority, entrenching and increasing inequality.

The flagging effects of traditional growth drivers was what drove the world to financialisation and debt, which is not durable. It now requires $3-5 in debt to produce an additional $1 of GDP. This means debt must increase exponentially faster than economic activity until borrowing levels and servicing costs, especially at normalised interest rates, become unsustainable.

Several factors impinge upon future growth, such as environmental constraints. Climate change is already affecting the habitability of parts of the earth's surface, production, crop yields and transport links. The cost of the required energy transition away from carbon-emitting fossil fuels is estimated by the McKinsey Global Institute at $9.2 trillion annually, equivalent to around 10 percent of global GDP or half of global corporate profits and one-quarter of total tax revenue. The alternative is perhaps greater expense on adaptation, such as relocating millions, and disaster response.

Shortages of water, food and minerals, such as traditional energy and also materials required for the energy transition, are already evident. Geopolitical tensions will manifest in the form of greater demands on available income for defence security.

The impact of these factors will intertwine and increase over time. Conflicts over climate change and resources cannot be dismissed. External military adventures to divert attention away from reduced economic prospects are not unknown.

The implication of slower unstable activity extends beyond the economic. Growth is the central assumption underlying our political and social systems. It is the mechanism relied upon for improving living standards, reducing poverty, and solving the problems of over-indebted individuals, businesses and nations. All brands of politics and economics assume sustainable, strong economic growth, combined with the belief that policymakers can control the economy to bring this about.

Unless a Zen Buddhist-like renunciation of materialism emerges, a new volatility enters the equation where citizens' expectations cannot be met. The body politic fractures and government becomes more difficult. It requires uncomfortable coalitions. Tenure shortens. Dissatisfied voters turn to more extreme leaders promising simple salvation, leading into a death spiral.

These risks, building for decades, have been ignored. Following the advice of Jacobi, the great Prussian mathematician to always 'invert' as a means of solving difficult problems, leaders have sought to defy economic gravity with a variety of financial tricks. Like a man told that he is going to die in a particular place and tries to avoid going there, people do not want to face the inevitability of slower economic growth.

(Views are personal)

THE PEACE WE FIND AMIDST FOOD WARS

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

OUR 78th Independence Day just went by. Each of us had our own thoughts about the state of India, what's good and what needs fixing. I found myself thinking of the hidden drama in our lives and how I was given peace amid food wars that occasionally flare up.

As a Hindu today, I don't care who eats what. My parents brought me up on the principle of '*loko bhinna ruchi*', the Sanskrit equivalent of the Latin maxim '*de gustibus non est disputandum*' (there is no disputing over taste). Whereas if we as children said '*Chhee! Thoo!*' to any food, we heard a steady stream of mildly delivered but wearying reproofs on how disappointing it was to find such judgemental people in one's own family at such a young age.

Of course, there was a denouement. One fateful summer day in the Bombay of our childhood, a bottle of sarsaparilla pickle from deepest South India made its way to the table. The moment it was opened, my father said, "Take it away! It smells like cockroaches!" My mother was not amused. Needless to say, we watched this development with great interest. A precedent had been set. Although we were foolish children in many ways, we could tell a '*Thoo!*' and certainly a '*Chhee!*' when we heard one.

This milestone event in our little lives altered family politics forever. We were now empowered by example, and although the powers that were tried to reassert authority by saying it was different for grown-ups and children had to eat everything on their plate, everyone knew the balance of power had shifted. But the message of the *maahaali kizhangu*, as sarsaparilla is called in Tamil, stayed. It was perfectly acceptable to not like certain foods. But it was unacceptable to make fun of others or think badly of them for liking them.

My mother, a committed vegetarian and devout Hindu, baked us cakes and pies, made egg sandwiches with mayonnaise and happily went out to Chinese and Mughlai restaurants with her non-veg colleagues from Calcutta, Shillong and Delhi. They valued their friendship more than food rules inherited by accident of birth. The meat-eaters never mocked my mother for being vegetarian while she had no opinion on their diet. It was all 'live and let live'.

When our trusted family doctor said I was too frail and apologetically recommended meat broth, my practical mother did not think twice. With the advice of Mrs Khan, our neighbour in Bombay, the required kitchen equipment was set up in a corner of our long balcony and meat soup became my rasam. When I was officially declared fit, the equipment was simply given away and no more was said, although mutton-and-egg rolls from Akbarally's famous shop would turn up now and then as my mother was not entirely sure about my health.

This very mother was devoted to Devi. She recited the '*Mahishasura Mardini Stotram*' and '*Mahalakshmi Ashtakam*' every day and observed the '*Varalakshmi Nombu*' (vrat and puja) with sincerity during Shravan Shuklapaksh. So I too grew up being easy-going about food choices. You could be a devout person whatever your diet. And I would sooner eat sarsaparilla than imagine the Universal Mother spurned my mother for her priorities.

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When my father complained about the sarsaparilla pickle's smell even though we were scolded for such actions, our family politics changed and a new message was in place. It was perfectly okay to not like certain foods. But it was unacceptable to make fun of others for liking them

From food, it was a short mental step to water. It's generally agreed in India that drinking water from an earthen pot rather than the fridge makes better wellness-sense. Along with the chemical contribution of the baked earth to the quality of water and throat-friendly temperature of water from a traditional earthen pot, there is so much cultural romance attached to it. The simple, everyday act of drinking a glass of water (ideally, eight) thus gets invested with great charm.

All the East loves jasmine. Jasmine, that blooms so profusely in our land, value-adds to the pleasure of water from an earthen pot. My grandmother floated fresh jasmine flowers in the water every day when they were in bloom. That delicately perfumed water is a beautiful childhood memory.

Everyone says 'jug' today but I found north and south India had different words for the earthen pot. The north says *surahi* for a spouted water pot ('su' is Turkish for 'water') while the south says '*kuja*' or '*kuza*', Persian for water pot and used for jugs made of glass, plastic and stainless steel.

The word '*kuja*' naturally leads us to Edward Fitzgerald's 19th-century English translation of the 12th-century Persian quatrains called the '*Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam*'. In Fitzgerald's version are nine verses called '*Kuza Nama*' (Book of Pots) describing Omar Khayyam's visit to a potter's shop and how some pots 'spoke' verses with philosophical content. Later generations have severely critiqued Fitzgerald's translation. However, his verses were too ardent an element of our own teens to disown, especially poignant verses from the Kuza Nama like, "Then said another, 'Surely not in vain, My Substance from the common Earth was ta'en, That He who subtly wrought me into Shape, Should stamp me back to common Earth again.'"

The image of 'pot and potter' as 'man and Creator' dramatised here is a universal idea. It found a powerful expression in India through our classical name for a potter, '*Prajapati*' ('All-Father'). So, when humans 'made of clay', consisting mostly of water, drink from a *surahi* or *kuja* to replenish themselves, the philosophy, poetry and ritual theatre has a perfection all its own. It could also be our personal gesture of gently rebuking our 'Creator' in Fitzgerald's words: "Oh, Thou, who Man of baser Earth didst make, And who with Eden didst devise the Snake; For all the Sin wherewith the Face of Man Is blacken'd, Man's Forgiveness give - and take!"

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Eco audits

Ref: *Redefining the nature-human contact* (Aug 18). The environmental crisis faced today is multipronged. It would be good to make 'eco audit' mandatory for corporates and other business houses. This would be a better initiative than a limelight photoshoot planting a sapling on special occasions like the World Environment Day.

Krishnaprasad S, Edapally

Data absence

Ref: *A glass half-full or half-empty?* (Aug 18). With the available data we can categorically say that factors like life expectancy and economic growth have increased substantially since independence. But the absence of sound data is an impediment to making correct decisions.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Doctors' strike

Ref: *Doctors' strike gains nationwide traction* (Aug 18). Healthcare services across the country were severely hit as doctors halted non-essential services in hospitals across the country. This strike was necessary to show their solidarity against the gruesome rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata.

P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

SC intervention

The Supreme Court taking *suo motu* cognisance of the Kolkata rape case is a small victory. After the Kolkata police's insignificant progress in the case, the high court intervened to hand over the case to the CBI. The SC's intervention will definitely be crucial considering the many attempts to subdue this case.

Sumit Saha, Delhi

Another assault

The dust has not settled on the gruesome Kolkata hospital gang rape and murder when news of yet another lady doctor assault, this time from Mumbai, has further escalated the apprehensions of the already anguished medical community. But the onus is on the public as well to ensure that healthcare providers are able to discharge their duties without having to fear for their personal safety.

C Balaraman, Shoranur

Common god

The news about people razing down a Kaliamman temple in a Vellore village because people from Scheduled Castes were allowed to participate in the temple festival was painful to read. What is there to feel proud of one's caste as it is a chance factor? There should not be discrimination based on castes in places of worship. God is common to all and one's birth should never be considered as a factor for worship.

Prema P, Thanjavur

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Smriti Irani @SmritiIraniOffc
Under Mamata Bandopadhyay ji's rule, the victim families are helpless and the criminals are fearless.

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
November 26, 2024 is the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of India and January 26, 2025 is the 75th anniversary of its enactment...

Prashant Bhushan @pbhushan1
India exporting arms to Israel amounts to assisting genocide. Constitution says the State of India cannot violate anyone's rights guaranteed under Article 21 even if he is a non-citizen.

J&K politicians look for greener pastures

As assembly polls approach, many in Azad's party mulling a switch; similar moves afoot in other smaller parties

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

WITH the election commission announcing the Assembly poll schedule, it is time for political realignments in Jammu and Kashmir as leaders look for "greener pastures" to remain "politically relevant" and secure their electoral future.

Senior Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) leader and former minister Taj Mohi-ud-Din has announced his "ghar vapsi" to Congress. "I will be returning to Congress. I have been associated with Congress for over 40 years before switching to DPAP. I held talks with my supporters and workers and they told me that I should return," said Taj.

Sources said more DPAP leaders, who are close to Ghulam Nabi Azad, are also considering "ghar vapsi." "They are holding talks with the Congress leadership and may jump the ship in the coming days," said a source.

The DPAP was floated by Azad in August 2022 after quitting Congress. The party has not emerged a strong political force. The party suffered setbacks immediately after its formation with many leaders, who had come from Congress, returning to the grand old party. DPAP also did not fare well in the Lok Sabha polls and could secure only 80,264 votes in three seats from where it contested.

Speculation is rife that Azad is in talks with the Congress leadership. He may rejoin the party or merge DPAP with it.

Another post-Article 370 floated party, J&K Apni Party of influential businessman Altaf Bukhari, is also imploding. Its vice president Usman Majid recently quit, alleging that it was to play second fiddle to BJP.

Apni Party's senior leader from Jammu region and former minister Ch. Zulfiqar Ali has also quit the party and joined the BJP on Sunday. Another Apni Party leader and former MLC Javaid Mirchal also quit to join the NC the same day.

Another party witnessing desertions is the Peoples Conference (PC) of former minister Sajad Lone. Former PDP leaders Basharat Bukhari, Khurshid Alam, Nizam-ud-Din and former MP Fayaz Mir, who had joined the PC after Article 370 abrogation, have quit the Sajad Lone-led party. The NC, PDP and Congress have accused J&K Apni Party, DPAP and PC of being BJP's proxies.

According to Jammu-based political analyst Zafar Choudhary, these elections will see more defections than ever before. "Habitual party hoppers with no ideological integrity will keep jumping in search of power. Some defections can always have the potential to alter electoral dynamics," he said.

Party-hopping

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Troops deployed for Amarnath Yatra to stay on for polls, more to arrive

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

WITH the Election Commission of India announcing the assembly polls schedule for Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has begun moving troops in the Union Territory.

It has asked the chiefs of the paramilitary forces to retain more than 500 companies (comprising 50,000 troops) currently deployed for the Amarnath Yatra for "advance deployment", officials said on Sunday.

The election commission on Friday announced the dates for holding three-phase assembly polls in J&K and single phase voting in Haryana. In J&K, voting will take place on September 18 and 25 and on October 1, and in Haryana, on October 1. The counting of votes will take place on October 4.

Keeping the sensitivity of J&K in mind, the MHA, in its first communication, has asked the forces to retain more than 500 companies for "advance deployment" even after the yatra ends on August 19, to ensure area domination and familiarisation, officials said. Additional Central forces will be mobilised for election duty as per requirement, they said.

Official figures show a decline in the terror incidents in J&K after the Centre decided to do away with special status to the erstwhile state of J&K under provisions of Article 370 and further reorganised it as two UTs – J&K (with assembly) and Ladakh (without assembly) in August 2019.

However the Jammu region has once again been witnessing attacks on the army. Areas such as Poonch, Rajouri, and Reasi will be focal points as they have seen multiple attacks.

POWER GAMES

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Rajya Sabha Elections

KUSHWAHA, KIRAN, PRATIMA AMONG FAVOURITES

The Election Commission has set the ball rolling to fill 12 vacancies in the Rajya Sabha from nine states. The commission issued the notification for the election on August 14 and the last day for filing nomination is August 21. Polling for all the seats is scheduled for September 3. The Congress has already announced the candidature of the party's legal brain Abhishek Manu Singhvi for the lone vacancy from Telangana. The party will easily win the seat given its numbers in the state legislative assembly. The remaining 11 seats are likely to go to the BJP and its allies.

Former Congress leader Ravneet Singh Bittu, who was inducted into the Union ministry even after he lost the Lok Sabha election on a BJP ticket, will have to be accommodated in the Rajya Sabha. Sources said among the strong contenders for the remaining 10 seats are former Union ministers Pratima Bhaumik from Tripura and Upendra Kushwaha from Bihar. Former Congress leader Kiran Chaudhry, who recently joined the BJP, was promised a seat in the Upper House from Haryana. According to sources, the party plans to honour that commitment. Former state minister Rajen Gohain is a leading contender for one of the two seats from Assam. The BJP allies Shiv Sena (Shinde Group) and Janata Dal (United) of Nitish Kumar are likely to be given one seat each in Maharashtra and Bihar, respectively. Top BJP leaders, including former Union ministers who are hopeful of being sent to the Rajya Sabha, are keeping their fingers crossed as the party leadership gets down to preparing a final list of candidates.

Jharkhand Govt on Edge

CHAMPAI REVOLT BREWING SINCE OUSTER AS CM

The day Champai Soren was asked to step down as the chief minister of Jharkhand to make way for Hemant Soren, he told his supporters that he would explore other options to get back the chair. Sources said Champai is in touch with the BJP and may cross over to the party along with half a dozen JMM MLAs. They said he is also in touch with some Congress MLAs who have either not been happy with the government or do not see a chance of getting a party ticket in the next election. He wants them to join him in his revolt.

Champai's switchover will leave the JMM-led state government in a minority. The ruling alliance has the support of 46 MLAs, eight more than the majority mark of 38 in the 81-member Jharkhand assembly whose current strength is 75. Sources said that in the event of Champai crossing over to the BJP and the government losing majority, the Centre may impose President's rule in the state before the assembly election. Champai's desertion would deal a big blow to the JMM in the Kolhan division of the state comprising three districts of East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum and Seraikela Kharsawan, where he enjoys popularity. The BJP has been trying for long to win over some of the popular leaders of the JMM and Congress. Champai's defection may put the much-needed wind in the BJP's sail in Jharkhand. Sources said that Hemant has launched a firefight to save his government. He has contacted Champai and is trying to persuade him not to leave the party. With elections due in the state in a couple of months, Jharkhand is set to witness an interesting game of political brinkmanship.

'Privatisation of IAS' is Modi's guarantee to end reservation, says Rahul

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

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Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

HITTING out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi government for deciding to recruit private sector experts through lateral entry in the system, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said "privatisation of IAS" is "Modi's guarantee" to end reservation.

Taking to micro-blogging site X, Gandhi said, "Narendra Modi is attacking the Constitution by recruiting public servants through 'Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh' instead of Union Public Service Commission."

He said, the reservation of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Class categories "is being openly snatched away by recruiting through lateral entry on important posts in various ministries of the Central government".

The Congress leader added, "I have always said that the underprivileged are not represented in all the top positions in the country, including the top bureaucracy. Instead of improving this, they are being pushed further away from top positions through lateral entry."

He went on assert that this was a robbery of the rights of talented youth preparing for UPSC and an attack on the concept of social justice including reservation for the deprived.

CBSE issues guidelines on textbooks, schools can select additional materials

KETAN NAROTTAM TANNA @ New Delhi

Schools must now share the list of textbooks they use on their websites | FILE PHOTO

THE Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has tightened its regulations on the selection of textbooks in schools, focusing on ensuring quality and sensitivity in educational materials.

The new guidelines, effective immediately, urge schools to prioritise NCERT or State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) textbooks and exercise caution when using supplementary resources to avoid contents that could be deemed offensive.

Schools are now expected to give precedence to NCERT textbooks whenever possible. If additional materials from private publishers are needed, schools must rigorously review these resources to ensure they do not contain anything that could offend any social, religious, gender, or community group.

As part of the new measures, schools must publicly share the list of textbooks they use for each class on their websites. This list must be backed by a declaration from both the manager and the principal, confirming they have reviewed the content and are accountable for it. The CBSE has warned that any school found using inappropriate content could face strict consequences.

The stricter rules have likely been introduced to address growing concerns about the quality and appropriateness of educational materials used in schools.

With the increasing diversity of supplementary materials available, there is a heightened risk of content that might be offensive or misaligned with the values and educational standards expected by the CBSE. By enforcing these stricter guidelines, the CBSE aims to ensure that all educational resources used in schools are consistent, reliable, and sensitive to the diverse backgrounds of students, while also maintaining a focus on the core curriculum provided by NCERT/SCERT. This move reflects a broader effort to safeguard the educational environment and uphold the integrity of the learning process.

Delhi Metro ready to help projects in Saudia Arabia, Kenya and El Salvador

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

Delhi Metro is currently implementing a Metro rail system in Bangladesh | FILE PHOTO

DELHI Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) may help more international projects as the authorities in Saudia Arabia, Kenya and El Salvador have approached the Indian company for partnership.

The Delhi Metro is currently implementing a Metro rail system in Bangladesh and has provided consultancy services in Jakarta. "Countries like Israel, Saudi Arabia (Riyadh), Kenya, and El Salvador have also shown interest in partnering with DMRC for their Metro development projects," informed Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) Manohar Lal.

He further said that given the rapid expansion of the Metro in the country, India will soon surpass the United States of America, which has the third largest Metro network.

With the approval of three new projects, India now has 1,018 km of Metro lines under construction, said Lal. On Friday, the Cabinet approved Metro projects for three prominent cities; Bengaluru, Pune and Thane, costing ₹30,765 crore.

"We are poised to soon surpass the US and become second only to China," he remarked, attributing this success to the 'Make in India' initiative championed by PM Narendra Modi.

Regarding the Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS), the minister said, "The first RRTS corridor of 82 km between Delhi and Meerut has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹30,274 crore. Today, 34 km of this corridor is operational, with the 'NaMo Bharat' train running on this network. We expect the project to be completed by June 2025."

Addressing the issue of additional RRTS corridors, the minister acknowledged delays due to resistance from the Delhi government but assured that the remaining two priority corridors connecting Gurugram, Manesar, and Dharuhera in the south of Delhi, and Sonepat and Panipat in the north of Delhi, will soon be sanctioned.

In 2014, the Metro Rail system in India was limited to just 248 km and operational in only five cities. Over the last 10 years, 700 km of new Metro lines have been made operational, bringing the total operational length to 945 km, and extending Metro services to 21 cities across the country.

Highlighting the rapid progress, Lal said, "Before 2014, on an average, only 600 metres of Metro line was being constructed per month. Today, this figure has increased ten-fold to 6 km per month, demonstrating the government's commitment to urban development."

He highlighted the significant strides made in indigenisation, with the majority of civil structures being constructed domestically. He pointed out that the country has developed four state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities of Metro coaches that have produced over 1,000 Metro coaches in the last five years.

ARSON CASE

C'garh Cong MLA in 3-day judicial custody

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

CHHATTISGARH Congress MLA Devendra Yadav was arrested late Saturday evening at his residence in Bhilai in connection with the probe into arson and violence that occurred on June 10 in Baloda Bazar district. He has been remanded to three-day judicial custody by the chief judicial magistrate court.

Yadav was transported to Baloda Bazar, approximately 70 km from Raipur, where he was presented before the court. Judge Rajesh Khakha has ordered the legislator to be held in judicial remand for three days.

Earlier on Saturday, the Baloda Bazar police encountered protests from Congress supporters and political drama at Bhilai before Yadav was taken into custody.

District police chief Vijay Agrawal reported that Yadav's arrest was made under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, registered at the city Kotwali of Baloda Bazar. To date, 179 individuals involved in the Baloda Bazar violence have been arrested.

Yadav, a two-term Congress MLA, had been summoned three times for interrogation but failed to appear. Instead, he requested that the police come to his residence to record his statements.

ICAR released two rice varieties sans GE panel approval, activist tells govt

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

ENVIRONMENT activist Aruna Rodrigues has written to Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Bhupendra Yadav, urging him to initiate criminal proceedings against the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

This action is in response to ICAR's commercial release of two controversial Basmati rice varieties that are Herbicide-Tolerant crops (HT-crops), allegedly without approval from the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), the regulatory body.

However, scientists involved in the development of HT rice varieties have rejected these allegations, asserting that the varieties are non-GMO and thus don't require GEAC approval.

Rodrigues, a prominent petitioner in the genetically modified organisms (GMO) Public Interest Litigation for a moratorium on GM crops over the past 20 years, also sent a legal notice to MoEFCC on August 8, citing violation of a recent Supreme Court judgment.

Previously, Rodrigues and other environmentalists urged Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chauhan, to withdraw the newly introduced HT rice varieties. They argued that these varieties pose a potential threat to India's specialised rice export market, which prioritises organic produce.

In May, ICAR launched two HT aromatic rice (Basmati) varieties — Pusa Basmati 1979 and Pusa Basmati 1985. ICAR scientists claim that these new varieties are non-GMO and do not require GEAC approval.

These new varieties allow for the direct application of herbicides such as Imazethapyr, which effectively control certain stubborn weeds due to the presence of a mutated acetolactate synthase gene. Proponents argue that these varieties can potentially reduce water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, including methane.

According to media reports, lawyer Prashant Bhushan, representing Rodrigues, stated that these HT-Basmati rice variants appear to have been illegally approved for commercial release without the necessary approvals from GEAC under the "Rules for the Manufacture, use/import/export and Storage of Hazardous Micro-organisms/genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells, 1989."

Bhushan's letter also noted that the Technical Expert Committee appointed by the Supreme Court had recommended a complete ban on HT-crops due to their environmental hazards. However, scientists involved in developing the rice varieties argued that they were developed through conventional mutation breeding processes and not genetic modification.

"The two rice varieties were developed through conventional mutation breeding, and no genetic modification was involved," said an ICAR scientist, wishing anonymity.

He clarified that while the varieties were developed in 2021, they only received Central Insecticides Board Registration in 2024, necessary for commercial release.

Bone of contention

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MAHA MEET

A meeting of members of OBCs and nomadic tribes on Sunday resolved to stake a claim to Ausa assembly constituency in Latur district of Maharashtra and field a candidate in elections.

2 TEENS KILLED AS SPEEDING BUS HITS BIKE IN UP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	32	26	Mumbai	30	27
Bhopal	29	24	Panaji	29	27
Jaipur	30	25	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	36	27	Lucknow	37	29
Chennai	33	27	Port Blair	31	28
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	29	19	Chandigarh	42	23

● Politicians charged with spreading 'misinformation' ● Probe agency looking into former principal's call records

TMC's Ray, BJP's Locket & 2 docs face police grilling

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> Sukhendu Ray, Rajya Sabha MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

SENIOR Trinamool Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP **Sukhendu Sekhar Ray** has been served notice by the Kolkata Police for tweeting "wrong information" about the probe into the RG Kar Medical College rape-murder of a postgraduate trainee on August 9.

The police have also summoned BJP leader **Locket Chatterjee** and doctors Kunal Sarkar and Subarno Goswami for questioning. The three are being investigated for allegedly spreading misinformation about the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College.

Dr Goswami made several claims in the media, alleging he had seen the post-mortem report and described its contents. In an X post, Sukhendu Ray demanded a probe by the CBI which did take over the investigation from the Kolkata Police.

"The CBI must act fairly. Custodial interrogation of the ex-principal and police commissioner is a must to know who floated the suicide story and why. We must know why the wall of the hospital hall was demolished and who patronised the suspect Roy. Why was the sniffer dog used after three days? Hundreds of such questions," Ray had said in an X post.

The police claimed that Ray had tweeted "wrong information" about the sniffer dogs being deployed at the crime scene. "The information that a sniffer dog was sent after three days is completely wrong. A sniffer dog was sent twice, on 9th and then 12th (August)," the Kolkata Police said in a statement. TMC leader Kunal Ghosh called his comment "unfortunate". "I also demand justice in the case. But I strongly oppose his demand about the CP. This kind of post is unfortunate, that too from my senior leader (sic)," Ghosh said. BJP's Chatterjee might be questioned for allegedly sharing the victim's name and photo on social media.

In an X post in Bengali, Chatterjee said, "The victim is still awaiting justice while the Kolkata Police seem preoccupied with scrutinizing social media posts of opposition leaders and the public," the BJP leader said.

"Every day, people across the state are being questioned about their posts, but there is no place to detain them all. Meanwhile, protests continue, and the administration appears indifferent."

Wrong info: say cops

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Cops tried to hush up the case: Medico's mother

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> Victim's mother

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

THE mother of the trainee woman doctor who was allegedly raped and murdered at government-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 8 while on duty Sunday expressed her dissatisfaction with the probe while raising serious allegations, claiming that the Kolkata Police "only tried to hush up the case as soon as possible."Her version comes at a time when the CBI investigating officers are looking into the call details and chats of former principal of the hospital, Sandip Ghosh.

Ghosh, who appeared before the CBI officers on the third consecutive day on Sunday, was asked to furnish details of the phone calls he made before, and after the incident at the hospital, an officer of the Central probe agency said.

The sleuths are also mulling contacting the mobile phone service provider to get the details of Ghosh's calls and data consumption, he added.

Ghosh has been asked to specify his role after getting the news of the death of the doctor, who he had contacted and why he made the parents wait for nearly three hours.

Meanwhile, Kolkata Police imposed prohibitory orders near the state-run hospital from Sunday till August 24, banning meetings and assembly of more than five persons, an order stated.

Recounting the sequence of events leading up to the discovery of her daughter's body, the victim's mother alleged, "Her pants were open, there was only one piece of cloth on her body. Her hand was broken and blood was coming out of her eyes and mouth."

She said the family received a call from the hospital informing the parents the medico was sick. "The call was disconnected. After that when I called up asking what had actually happened, they told me to come to the hospital. "When we reached the hospital, we were allowed to see her body only at 3 am," she said.

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Senior RJD leader likely to join JD(U)

Party hopping is getting infectious in Bihar these days. Following the footsteps of chief minister Nitish Kumar, a senior Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Shyam Rajak is likely to join Janata Dal (United) once again. Rajak is currently national general secretary of RJD, but he is feeling neglected in the party. Rajak, who was with JD(U) between 2009 and 2020, called on chief minister Nitish Kumar at 1 Anne Marg residence, fuelling speculation about his 'ghar wapsi (home coming)'. Though there is no official confirmation from Rajak about him changing sides, a senior JD(U) leader claimed that Rajak would join JD(U) on September 1.

Proposal of second airport in Patna approved

There is good news for flyers of Bihar. The union cabinet has approved the construction of a second airport at Bihta in Patna district. Bihta airbase will be developed as a civil enclave at an estimated cost of ₹1,413 crore. The Indian Air Force base at Bihta is about 27km from the existing airport. The new airport's terminal building will have the peak capacity to handle 3,000 passengers per hour. This building will be spread across 66,000 square metres. EX-civil aviation minister and Saran MP Rajiv Pratap Rudy had raised the demand of second airport in Bihar during the Monsoon session.

'Jan Suraj' to contest four assembly seats

'Jan Suraj' is all set to contest bypoll to four assembly seats in Bihar. Political strategist-turned political activist Prashant Kishor hinted about preparation of 'Jan Suraaj' for by-elections to be held on Tarari, Belaganj, Imamganj and Ramgarh assembly seats. The seats have fallen vacant after the serving MLAs were elected to the Lok Sabha in the recently held parliamentary election. Kishor said that if elections were held after October 2, 'Jan Suraaj' will field its candidates both on Belganj and Imamganj seats. In case, elections were held before October 2, the party would support candidates of its choice. In any case, 'Jan Suraaj' will contest by-polls in Bihar.

CRIME AGAINST WOMEN

U'Khand: Two drivers among 5 held for minor's rape at Dehradun bus station

DEHRADUN: The Uttarakhand police have arrested five men, including two bus drivers, accused of gang-raping a minor girl brought from Delhi's Kashmiri Gate bus station. The incident occurred on a parked bus at Dehradun's ISBT bus station. This is the third such heinous crime against women in the state within a month. The shocking incident of brutality came amidst ongoing student protests over the nurse murder and rape case in Rudrapur. The girl was from Moradabad was allegedly gang-raped on a parked bus at Dehradun's ISBT. According to sources, a 16-year-old girl from Moradabad was found disoriented and frightened at the Dehradun ISBT bus station. Initially, the girl did not disclose any information, but during counseling, she revealed that she had been gang-raped in a parked bus. The girl had traveled from Punjab to Delhi, and then to Dehradun. Chairperson Kusum Kandwal of the Uttarakhand State Commission for Women paid a visit to Balika Niketan morning to enquire about the survivor.

Five in Arunachal arrested for minor's gangrape

ITANAGAR: Arunachal Pradesh police arrested five persons for allegedly kidnapping a 13-year-old girl and gang-raping her for five days. The incident occurred at Daporijo in the Upper Subansiri district. The accused persons – Bai Kaji, Tapong Baring, Raju Lomdak, Jepu Leya alias Jack Sorum and Nanesh Nayam – are now in judicial custody. The arrests were made on July 28, the police said. Superintendent of Police Thutan Jamba said the girl's brother had filed an FIR alleging that she was illegally confined to a place at the Gandhi Market in Daporijo for five days and raped. The police registered a case and arrested the prime accused on the same day.

Half-burnt bodies of young couple found near pond in MP

BHOPAL: Residents of Luv Kush Nagar area in Chhatarpur woke up to an early morning horror on Sunday, as the half burnt bodies of a married woman and an unmarried man were found tied with chains and locked with a tree near the Siddhan ki Pahadi hillock in Luv Kush Nagar in Bundelkhand. Police investigation established the woman's identity as Abhilasha Upadhyaya (a mother of two kids from Satna), the man was identified as Chotu Mishra working as a temple priest in Delhi. According to sources, Abhilasha had left her home in Satna district two days back and come to paternal place, but had gone missing on Saturday night. Just a few hours later she was found dead with Chotu.

GPS-based software in buses to ensure safety of girls, women in Chhattisgarh

RAIPIUR: Chhattisgarh has begun the monitoring system on safety and security of girls and women by installing panic buttons and Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD software connected via GPS) in all school-college buses along with the commercial ones. The state transport department has gone ahead to get the vehicle tracking software rolling on a designated server to locate the vehicle besides placing the panic buttons in buses to reach out to women who face any potential danger. "The work on installing panic buttons and VLTD in school and college buses has begun. The software device will remain connected directly with the control room of the transport department. In the second phase all commercial buses will get the device installed. An App is also being prepared, said D Ravishankar, additional commissioner (Transport department). The move intends to safeguard girls, women and children during any emergency situation or face any potential danger or untoward incidents, he said. There are around 12,000 passenger buses by private owners.

Cong using appeasement politics on CAA: Shah

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday launched a tirade against Congress for engaging in "appeasement politics" over the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

The BJP leader claimed that from 1947 to 2014, those seeking asylum in India were denied justice, despite the Act focusing on granting citizenship rather than stripping it away.

Speaking at a citizenship certificate distribution event in Ahmedabad, the Union Home Minister said, "The CAA is not merely about granting citizenship, it is also about providing justice and rights to millions. Due to the opposition's appeasement politics, the individuals seeking refuge were denied justice from 1947 to 2014."

Home Minister Amit Shah provides citizenship certificates to 188 asylum-seeking sisters and brothers under the CAA in Ahmedabad | EXPRESS

"They faced persecution in neighbouring countries for their Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, or Jain identities, besides enduring suffering in their own nations. The appeasement politics of the INDIA bloc failed to deliver justice to them. However, PM Narendra Modi is providing them the well-deserved justice," Shah added.

Rejecting the Opposition's claim that the CAA is anti-Muslim, Shah asserted, "No one will lose their citizenship under the CAA. This law is focused on granting rights to Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, and Jain refugees. I want to clarify to my Muslim brothers and sisters that the CAA is about granting citizenship, not stripping it away."

The previous governments, he said, allowed intruders to enter the country and granted them illegal citizenship, while denying it to those who followed the proper legal channels and applied for it, claiming there was no legal provision available.

"At the time of partition, Bangladesh had 27% Hindus, but today that number has dwindled to just 9% due to forced religious conversions," he added. On the occasion, Shah presented citizenship certificates to 188 Hindu refugees in Ahmedabad. Expressing his satisfaction, the minister said, "These 188 individuals are now recognised as Indian citizens and can live with their heads held high. They serve as an example for other refugees. In the future, their children will contribute to the nation as industrialists and public representatives."

Shah launched development projects worth ₹1,003 crore, which include inaugurating and laying the foundation for 45 initiatives. At a separate event, he urged the citizens to participate in a nationwide tree plantation campaign to support environmental protection.

Panic grips 5 hospitals in Jaipur after emails threaten blasts, cops call it hoax

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

PANIC grips several hospitals across the state, including five in Rajasthan's capital, Jaipur, after they received bomb threats via email, on Sunday. However, police have confirmed that the threats were a hoax. According to police reports, bomb squad teams were immediately dispatched to secure and search the hospital premises, but no suspicious objects were found. The hospitals in Jaipur that received the threats include Monilek Hospital, C.K. Birla Hospital, Manas Hospital, Apex Hospital, and Rungta Hospital.

Jaipur's Additional Police Commissioner (Law and Order), Kunwar Rashtradeep, stated, "We received information about bomb threats at five hospitals in Jaipur via email. Bomb squads were sent to the locations, and after thorough searches, nothing suspicious was found."

The police are currently working to identify the sender of the email. With the assistance of cyber experts, efforts are underway to trace the IP address of the individual responsible.

Scare in National Capital Region

This incident follows a similar scare on Saturday when two malls in the National Capital Region received bomb threats via email, which also turned out to be false.

The email sent to the hospitals contained a chilling message: "I have planted a bomb in the hospital building. The bombs are hidden under the hospital beds and inside the bathrooms. Every person inside the hospital will be killed or their limbs will be chopped off. None of you will survive." The email continued,"You will be covered in blood. All of you deserve only death. Terrorist 'Ching and Cultists' are behind this massacre."

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CBI sleuths raid premises of Northern Coalfields officials in MP's Singrauli

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

THE Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Sunday raided the premises of at least two officials of the Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) and a prominent contractor in Madhya Pradesh's Singrauli district.

While around ₹4 crore unaccounted cash has been seized by the CBI teams from the raided premises, incriminating documents pointing towards possibility of massive corruption in machines/spares supplies at the Singrauli-headquartered public sector coal major have also been recovered and taken back by the premier investigation agency's sleuths.

Several people have been taken into custody from Singrauli and possibly Jabalpur since Saturday night, when the operations by the CBI started in the matter. According to sources, the CBI team, reportedly from Jabalpur, arrived in Singrauli early on Sunday with at least two men, who had been possibly taken into custody in Jabalpur only in a matter few hours before the raid began.

The CBI raided the premises of S Ojha the Manager (Assistant) of the NCL CMD, residential premises of another NCL official who is posted in the security wing and the prominent contractor/supplier Ravi Singh, who supplies machines/spares to the public sector coal major.

At the end of the day, the CBI team is said to have taken five-six people and returned with them for questioning. Unconfirmed sources claimed that one of those in CBI's custody may actually be its own cadre, who was trapped while negotiating some kind of deal with the concerned NCL officials and aides in the entire matter on Saturday night.

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People were injured in Germany after a Ferris wheel caught fire at a music festival

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	30	25	LR	Los Angeles	33	19	SNY
Colombo	30	27	LR	Melbourne	17	9	LR
Dhaka	34	27	LR	Moscow	24	13	SNY
Dubai	38	34	SNY	New York	31	22	SNY
Houston	36	27	SNY	Singapore	29	26	LR
Istanbul	31	24	SNY	Toronto	25	21	SNY
London	26	14	SNY	Washington	24	14	SNY

Israel, Hamas accuse each other of blocking efforts to seal peace deal

Blinken rushes to Israel to meet PM; to leave for Egypt on Tuesday where talks continue

Einav Zangauker, center, the mother of hostage Matan Zangauker, who was kidnapped by Hamas, protests for his immediate release and against Benjamin Netanyahu's government in Tel Aviv on Saturday | AP

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 317

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DOHA

HAMAS on Sunday again accused Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of "obstructing an agreement" for a truce and hostage exchange in Gaza. The Palestinian militant group said in a statement following the latest round of talks in Qatar that Netanyahu was "fully responsible for thwarting the efforts of the mediators, obstructing an agreement, and (bears) full responsibility for the lives" of hostages in Gaza.

Earlier on Sunday, Israel's prime minister accused Hamas of being an obstacle in negotiations for a Gaza ceasefire deal and called for more pressure on Hamas ahead of a new round of talks later this week.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's comments came with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken arriving to push for a deal that could help avert a wider conflagration. On Tuesday, he will travel to Egypt.

"Hamas, up to this moment, remains obstinate. It did not even send a representative to the talks in Doha. Therefore, the pressure should be directed at Hamas and (Yahya) Sinwar, not at the Israeli government," Netanyahu said at a cabinet meeting, referring to the newly appointed Hamas chief.

Western ally Jordan, hostage supporters protesting in Israel, and Hamas itself have called for pressure on Netanyahu in order that an agreement be reached. On Thursday, Hamas official Osama Hamdan said the movement informed mediators it would participate in the Doha talks, which took place on Thursday and Friday, if they were "to set a timetable for the implementation" of what Hamas had already agreed to.

Hamas also announced its opposition to what it called "new conditions" from Israel.

Netanyahu told cabinet that, "We are conducting negotiations and not a scenario in which we just give and give. There are things we can be flexible on and there are things that we cannot be flexible on, which we will insist on."

He said "enormous efforts" are being made to bring home the hostages.

"We firmly stand by the principles we have set, which are essential for Israel's security," Netanyahu said, calling for "strong military pressure and strong diplomatic pressure" on Hamas to reach a deal. Making his ninth trip to the Middle East since the Gaza war began, Blinken is due to meet Netanyahu on Monday before truce talks resume in Cairo later in the week.

US, Qatari and Egyptian mediators have reported progress in negotiations to clinch a ceasefire but Hamas political bureau member Sami Abu Zuhri said, "We are not facing a deal or real negotiations, but rather the imposing of American diktats," he said. *AFP*

(*Left*) In this footage released by the Ukrainian armed forces on Sunday smoke billows in what is said to show the destruction of a key bridge in Kursk.(*Right*) In this photo provided by the Ukrainian Defence Ministry Press Office, a strategically important bridge over the river Seym is destroyed by Ukrainian troops in Kursk on Friday | AP

Ukraine attacks 2nd bridge in Russia, cuts logistic supply

KYIV

UKRAINE said on Sunday it had struck a second key bridge in the Kursk region, seeking to disrupt Moscow's supply routes as Kyiv's unprecedented incursion on Russian soil stretched through its second week.

Russia meanwhile ramped up pressure in east Ukraine, claiming to capture another village just a few kilometres from the Ukrainian-held logistics hub of Pokrovsk.

"Minus one more bridge," Ukrainian Air Force Commander Mykola Oleshchuk said on Telegram, publishing an aerial video of a blast tearing through a bridge near the Russian town of Zvannoye.

"The Air Force aviation continues to deprive the enemy of logistical capabilities with precision air strikes," he said.

It was not clear when Ukraine carried out the attack. Oleshchuk did not give a date and Russian military bloggers shared photos of destruction from what appeared to be the same bridge dated Saturday.

Kyiv sent troops and armoured vehicles across the border on August 6, in its biggest attack on Russian territory since the Kremlin launched its invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

On Friday, Ukraine announced it had destroyed a separate bridge in the neighbouring town of Glushkovo, both of which lie on the river Seym that winds through the region.

The attacks on both bridges have left Russia with limited options to cross the river in the area, according to Russian military bloggers.

Moscow said the destruction of one of the bridges had hindered evacuation efforts.

The Russian defence ministry said in a briefing it was pushing back against Ukraine's forces near several villages.

More than 120,000 people have fled the region since fighting began, according to Russian authorities.

Ukrainian drones attacked an oil storage facility in Russia's southern Rostov region early Sunday morning, sparking a large fire, the local governor said.

Videos published on social media showed thick black smoke and bursts of flames coming from the site of the blaze, which the governor said was in the town of Proletarsk.

"In the southeast of the Rostov region, air defences repelled a drone attack. As a result of falling debris on the territory of industrial storage facilities in Proletarsk, a diesel fuel fire broke out," Governor Vasily Golubev said on *Telegram*.

No one was injured, he said in a later post. *AFP*

PROTEST DOWN TO THE STREETS NOW

This aerial view shows thousands of people attending a protest called by the opposition for election 'victory' to be recognised, in Caracas on Saturday. Venezuela's opposition and regime supporters will vie for the streets of Caracas in competing demonstrations amid a political crisis sparked by a disputed election where both President Nicolas Maduro and his rival Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia – backed by opposition leader Maria Corina Machado – have claimed victory. Machado had called for fresh demonstrations in more than 300 cities in Venezuela and abroad, what she called a "Protest for the Truth" | AFP

ASIA MATTERS

SINGAPORE

ISLAMIC COLLEGE TO BE SET UP BY GOVT

Prime Minister Lawrence Wong on Sunday said that the city-state will set up a new Islamic college to nurture future Islamic leaders in the multi-ethnic country, asserting that he will support the community's efforts to become modern and progressive while maintaining its distinctive customs and way of life. The college has been in the works for eight years and is to be called the Singapore College of Islamic Studies, according to media reports. In his first National Day Rally, Wong said the college would nurture future Singapore Islamic leaders. *PTI*

MALAYSIA

ANWAR TO VISIT INDIA FROM TODAY

Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim's official visit to India starts on Monday, *The Star* reported. High Commissioner to India Muzafar Shah Mustafa said in conjunction with the visit, both countries will sign seven MoUs covering cooperation in the fields of digital, tourism, health, workforce, public administration, and traditional Ayurveda medicine.

THAILAND

NEW PM VOWS TO BOOST ECONOMY

New Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra, the daughter of controversial billionaire ex-premier Thaksin, vowed to boost the kingdom's sluggish economy as she formally took office on Sunday. She called on all Thais to work together to help revitalise the country's economy, which has struggled to bounce back from the Covid-19 pandemic. "As head of the government I will work with parliament with an open heart, open to all ideas to help develop the country," she said after the ceremony. "Fellow Thais, this duty cannot be done by the prime minister alone." *AFP*

Global election observers reach Sri Lanka for Sept prez polls

COLOMBO

A group of election observers from the European Union and the Commonwealth have arrived in Sri Lanka to monitor the September 21 presidential election, Election Commission officials said on Sunday.

They are here at the invitation of Sri Lanka's Election Commission. The EU has previously done election monitoring in Sri Lanka six times with the last being at the presidential election of 2019.

"The deployment of the Election Observation Mission in Sri Lanka this year confirms our long-standing commitment to supporting credible, transparent, inclusive and peaceful elections in the country," the head of the observer group said in a statement on Saturday.

"The forthcoming presidential election will give a new impetus to democracy following the 2022 political and economic crisis. This election is important for Sri Lanka to continue making progress on its path of reforms and lasting recovery, in full respect of democratic values," the head of the observer group was quoted as saying.

The EU observer mission is comprises different groups of observers. While the core team of a Deputy Chief Observer and nine election experts have already arrived in Colombo, 26 long-term observers will join the mission and will be deployed across the country to follow the election campaign.

Thereafter, 32 short-term observers will reinforce the mission on election week, also deployed throughout the country. *PTI*

Pak testing firewall to monitor online dissent, digital rights experts say

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN's government is throttling the internet and social media while it tests new controls to crush dissent, activists and business leaders say, putting the country's economic recovery at risk.

Internet networks have been up to 40% slower than normal since July, according to one IT association, while documents,

Internet networks have been 40% slower than normal since July | AFP

images and voice notes have been disrupted on WhatsApp, used by tens of millions of people. Digital rights experts believe the state is testing a firewall – a security system that monitors network traffic but can also be used to control online spaces.

"The Internet slowdown is due to the installation of a national firewall and content filtering system by the state aimed at increasing surveillance and at censoring political dissent, especially the criticism of the security establishment for its interference in politics," digital rights expert and activist Usama Khilji said.

The authorities appear to be targeting WhatsApp because of its end-to-end encryption capabilities, which enable users to securely share information without it being accessed by any third-party, he added.

The government, which analysts say is backed by the military, and the telecommunications authority, run a by a retired general, for weeks refused to comment on the slowdown. It was the defence minister who finally acknowledged what millions of Pakistanis nationwide had already guessed.

"We are undergoing a transition after which all these facilities will be available to you," Khawaja Muhammad Asif told media this week.

"But there will be some controls to prevent threatening and defamatory content against the state and individuals," he added, without confirming whether those controls were part of a firewall.

As the backlash grew, IT minister Shaza Fatima Khawaja denied on Sunday that the government was behind the internet slowdown. *AFP*

Students attend a math class at the Viqarunnisa Noon School and College in Dhaka on Sunday | EXPRESS

Edu institutes re-open after a month in B'desh

DHAKA

BANGLADESH on Sunday reopened all educational institutions, including universities, secondary schools and colleges, across the country after more than a month of closure due to violence centering the student-led protests that led to the ouster of Sheikh Hasina.

The educational institutions in Bangladesh were closed indefinitely on July 17 to ensure the safety of students in the wake of clashes that erupted during the recent movement demanding reform of the job quota system.

The Ministry of Education on Thursday issued a directive to reopen the institutions under its jurisdiction. All the educational institutions reopened on Sunday. The working week is from Sunday to Thursday in Bangladesh.

Many points of Dhaka city are witnessing severe traffic congestion due to the reopening of educational institutions. *PTI*

Trump continues personal attacks on Harris as she basks on poll surge

WILKES-BARRE

DONALD Trump launched fresh personal attacks against White House rival Kamala Harris on Saturday, as new polling showed her making major gains in key battleground states ahead of next week's Democratic National Convention.

Speaking at a rally in Pennsylvania, Trump began by blaming Vice President Harris for unleashing "devastating" inflation – one of the biggest issues of the campaign – but he soon drifted off script, mocking Harris's laugh and calling her a "communist" and a "lunatic." At one point, criticising a portrait of Harris on the cover of *Time* magazine, Trump insisted he was "much better looking than her."

Republicans and Trump advisers – concerned by Harris's energised campaign – have publicly urged him to stick to the issues and lay off the personal attacks which they believe play badly with the undecided and independent voters he needs to win the November 5 election.

But the former president has shown no sign of changing his populist, confrontational style.

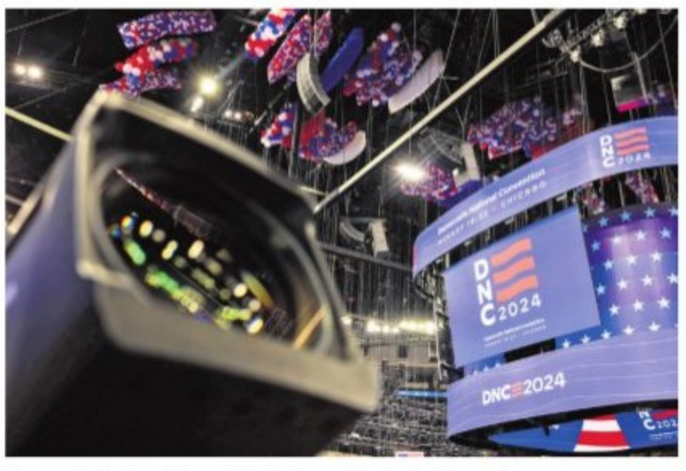
"You don't mind if I go off teleprompter for a second, do you?" he asked the crowd about 15 minutes into his speech, before proceeding to reel off a now familiar list of insults at Harris. "People say, please don't use bad language. Please don't call people stupid," Trump said. "Please, don't call her a lunatic. And I said, but that's what she is, she's a lunatic."

The momentum in the White House race has shifted dramatically since President Joe Biden abruptly pulled out on July 21, with Harris's whirlwind entry enthusing the Democratic Party base.

A survey by *The New York Times* and Siena College published Saturday had Harris storming back into contention in four critical battleground states that Trump had looked set to win comfortably against Biden. The poll will likely trigger further consternation in Trump's campaign team, with the vice president now ahead in Arizona and North Carolina, and getting closer in Nevada and Georgia.

Harris will be in Pennsylvania on Sunday, making several stops on her campaign bus near Pittsburgh before heading to Chicago for the Democratic National Convention that opens on Monday.

She will be hoping to sustain her poll momentum at the four-day event which will include keynote speeches from Biden and Barack Obama. *AFP*



Democratic National Convention begins on Monday in Chicago | AFP

EXPRESS READ

French film legend Alain Delon dies, children say

French film legend Alain Delon, a divisive star known to some as a sex symbol and to others as an egotistical chauvinist, has died aged 88, his children announced on Sunday. The actor, known for his roles in classics "Purple Noon" (1960) and "Le Samourai" (1967), died in the early hours of the morning, his son Anthony said. He had been suffering with lymphoma. "He passed away peacefully in his home in Douchy, surrounded by his three children and his family," Delon's children said. French President called him a "French monument"

MF investors can create intergenerational wealth in 10-15 yrs

India's growing stature is a big positive for the domestic market, and soon the country can be treated as an asset class where there is compulsory allocation

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THERE is an opportunity to create intergenerational wealth in the next 10-15 years if investors remain committed to the market and exhibit financial discipline, says Madhu Nair, CEO of Union Mutual Fund.

According to him, the next 10-15 years is going to be extremely positive from an economic perspective for India and this will be reflected in the capital market as well, whether equity or fixed income.

He added that the last 20 years have been very good for investors as good mutual funds (MFs) have created wealth in the range of 18-20% per annum.

"The next 15 years is going to be the time when people in India can create intergenerational wealth. The US, Japan and China have seen this. Lots of people miss out on this opportunity to create wealth due to lack of discipline and patience. They really need to stay invested. Our attempt is to act as a bridge between the growth of the Indian economy and investors' portfolio," said Nair.

The CEO believes that the MF industry's assets under management (AUM) can anywhere be between ₹140 lakh crore and ₹200 lakh crore in the next 7-10 years.

In the last decade, the industry's AUM has grown more than 6 times- from ₹9.75 lakh crore in June 2014 to ₹61.16 lakh crore in June 2024.

In July, the AUM reached a high of ₹64.96 lakh crore, according to Amfi data. This growth has been supported by the continuous increase in Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) inflow. AMFI data showed that SIP inflows increased from ₹21,262 crore in June to ₹23,332 crore in July. It was the fourth consecutive month when SIP inflows remained above ₹ 20,000 crore.

Nair said that the country's growing stature in the global economy is a big positive for the domestic market.

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>
> Madhu Nair, CEO of Union Mutual Fund

"In the next 15 years, India can be treated as an asset class where there is compulsory allocation. At present, an investor from London and New York allocates 50% of his fund to the USA and 20-30% goes to China.

India receives allocation through emerging market funds. Depending on the view, we get overweight or underweight. This will change. In the next 3-5 years, India is going to be the third-largest economy. It is going to be very difficult for someone sitting in New York or London not to allocate in India," Nair said, adding that the company is evaluating having a presence in Gift City. "We have set up vehicles to get money from there to India. Then we have a Japanese partner (Dai-ichi) who can launch an India-dedicated fund in Japan," he said. He also said that Union Mutual Fund is also mulling to launch portfolio management services (PMS), alternate investment fund (AIF) and offshore business.

Launch of new fund offer

Last week, the company, which had a total AUM of ₹16,111.46 crore as of June 30, announced the launch of the new fund offer (NFO) for Union Multi Asset Allocation Fund.

The NFO will open for subscription on August 20, 2024, and close on September 3, 2024.

The scheme will allocate investors' funds across various asset classes such as equity and equity related instruments, debt and money market instruments, units of gold & or silver exchange traded funds (ETFs), and units of REITs & InvITs.

Nair explained that they are focusing on certain pillars to boost growth and help investors achieve their financial goals.

"In asset management companies (AMC), investment management is the core function. We have to focus here. So our first pillar is investment excellence. It is not going to be about being the number one fund for a year or two. It is going to be about consistency in performance. Second, you have to have a very strong investment process to select stocks and make a portfolio," he said.

Nair added that one of the prime objectives for them is to look at enhancing distribution channels. He added that the consolidation of public sector banks has brought a big change for them.

"This has given us (Union MF) reach. We have now 16 crore clients- which is about 10% of the population and a ₹21 lakh crore balance sheet. They are familiar with our name. Our task will be how to push the right people with the right product to this client base and how to convert fixed deposit investors into MF investors," he said.

For Union Mutual Fund, 50% of their business comes from MF distributors, 30% from Union Bank and the remaining 20% from institutional business.

Nair said that they have 4000 MF distributors who work actively with them. There are 2 lakh MF distributors in India, of which only 40,000 are active.

When asked about his view on the current valuation of the equity market, Nair said that it looks a little overstretched as of now even for the large cap stocks.

He added that increased inflows from domestic and global investors into the markets has been supporting the rally.

MONEY MATTERS

WHY BUILDING RISK APPETITE NEEDS EDUCATION

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR

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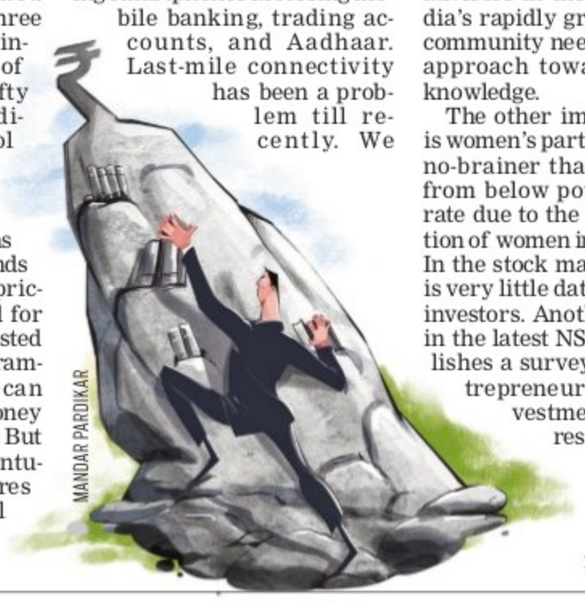
THERE is a visible increase in your participation in equity markets. The latest data on ownership of Nifty 500 index companies shows that individual investors, who are not promoters, own 8.7% of the total market cap of over ₹400 lakh crore. In addition, domestic mutual funds now own 9.6% of that value. While direct individual ownership has remained the same over the past three years, the data shows an increase in the ownership of mutual funds in the Nifty 500. That shows that you directly and indirectly control a sizeable chunk of the equities market.

The rising inflows in the systematic investment plans (SIPs) pushed by mutual funds create a cushion for share prices. The money designated for equity markets will be invested based on the valuation parameters. Active managers can hold back putting in the money if valuations are too high. But not for long. They must eventually deploy it. That ensures that you will have mutual funds or local investors picking up equity shares at every sharp fall in equity markets due to a global selloff. If you are not familiar with the world of finance, it would be hard for you to connect the dots. You can imagine that even someone who comprehends English cannot quickly understand all the information.

The National Stock Exchange monthly bulletin highlighted that we now have ten crore unique investors in the stock market. These are the unique permanent account numbers or PAN cards registered. The NSE bulletin said reaching one crore investors took over 25 years. The subsequent additions were made rapidly over the past few years. That could be attributed to people acquiring smartphones accessing mobile banking, trading accounts, and Aadhaar. Last-mile connectivity has been a problem till recently. We are behind that problem now. However, merely providing access to people does not make them financially literate. The problem of not being able to make sense is likely to get bigger with more people signing up to invest.



MANDAR PARDIKAR

There is a strong correlation between financial awareness and financial outcomes.

A research paper cited in the latest NSE bulletin highlights that financial self-awareness positively relates to saving and prudent investment decisions. Sebi's consultation paper, published late last month, discusses easing the rules for qualifying as a registered investment advisor or RIA. That should expand the scope of professional advisors in the country as India's rapidly growing investor community needs a structured approach towards financial knowledge.

The other important aspect is women's participation. It is a no-brainer that India suffers from below potential growth rate due to the poor participation of women in the workforce. In the stock market, too, there is very little data about women investors. Another paper cited in the latest NSE bulletin publishes a survey of women entrepreneurs and their investment habits. The results are revealing. They show that women who take risks to start a business are risk-averse regarding investments. They admit to inadequate knowledge and prefer to keep their money in real estate, gold or fixed deposits.

The survey spoke to women in Mumbai and Pune. A more expanded scope for such a survey would reveal investment habits in different geographic locations. India's financial markets need women and men to invest. At ten crore, we are merely in single-digit percentage in terms of participation.

Taking risks is very important to succeed in the stock market. However, you can take risks only if you know enough about the investment you make. To get there, you have to make an effort. You cannot build a risk appetite by switching processes or a machine on and off. It is a gradual process. You must take your chances when opportunities present themselves. You must follow trends regularly to know that situation when you have a chance. The trend influences your investments in an economy's inflation and interest rates.

The companies you invest in make money based on the growth opportunities for their products and services.

The demand for these products and services is based on the government and households' overall economic activity and spending. You can't get on top of the information cycle without adequate knowledge. Either someone does it for you, or you do it yourself.

MONEY-WISE

THE KAISER AND HIS LINK TO BALANCED ADVANTAGE FUNDS

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FRANZ Beckenbauer was among those rare footballers who won a World Cup, both as a player and as a coach. The 'Kaiser' as he was known as was the first to add an angle of offense to the conventional defensive position of a sweeper on the football field. He was that rare 'all rounder', who had both, the ability to move forward to attack as well as fall back to defend. Investing in many ways is no different and Balanced Advantage Funds (BAFs) offered by mutual funds are the investment equivalents of mid-fielders.

The underlying theme that emerges is that be it the football field or that of investments, it is necessary to blend caution with aggression and respond appropriately based on the situation. In the past, Balanced Funds (now renamed Hybrid Equity Funds) gained in popularity and rewarded investors seeking the risk profile it offered, fairly well. But the fact remained that with no upside equity holding restriction, some AMCs were running it literally like a pure equity fund thus exposing investors to higher risk than they had signed up for. SEBI's classification of funds helped address this issue to an extent.

But, in more recent years and post the creation of this new category of hybrid funds more than half a decade ago, Balanced Advantage Funds (BAFs), which are inherently open-ended dynamic asset allocation funds, have also become popular. It seeks to use time-tested mechanisms using a hybrid investment model to capture equity upsides even while casting a safety net on the downside.

The corpus of a BAF is allocated dynamically between equity and debt securities, based on certain pre-determined market valuation and analysis tools. Some AMCs use the Price to Earnings (P/E) Ratio while others use the Price to Book (P/B) Ratio as their base for determining the asset allocation mix. Then there are some that use a kind of hybrid model, incorporating both, boosted further by trend analysis.

For the sake of easier comprehension, let us assume that a BAF starts off by investing 33% in pure equity and 33% in arbitrage to keep gross equity investments at or above 65% while investing the rest in debt securities. Their long-term gains thus attract Equity taxation of 10% as against Debt taxation of 20% (with indexation).

However, like any other Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund, BAFs too have the flexibility to dynamically shift the corpus from equity to debt and vice-versa. The underlying theme though is to seek capital appreciation, while guarding against volatility.

To put matters in perspective, it is worth noting that the average fall in returns in the BAF category has usually been around half of that of the large, medium and small-cap categories of funds whenever the markets have slipped in recent times.

Mind you, this is what the data shows, but by no means is any guarantee of how similarly they will fare going ahead. In the next column, we shall proceed to take a closer look at some of the BAFs on offer, their current asset allocations and performance track records.

NEW HEAD

TMB appoints Salee S Nair as new MD & CEO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

PRIVATE sector bank Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) has announced the appointment of Salee S Nair as the new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD&CEO).

He comes with over 35 years of experience in the banking and financial services industry.

Prior to this appointment, he served as Deputy Managing Director & Chief Credit Officer at State Bank of India.

Salee is a post graduate in Applied Electronics, and started his banking career in 1987 when he joined SBI as a Probationary Officer. Salee said, "I look forward to working closely with the Board, the management team, and all employees to build on the strong foundation laid by my predecessors and to drive the bank's strategic priorities forward."

'Grossly misrepresented': Cognizant on ₹2.52 lakh fresher salary issue

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT services firm Cognizant on Sunday said its recent job posting with compensation of ₹ 2.52 lakh package annually has been 'grossly misrepresented'. This clarification comes from the IT firm as salaries starting from ₹2.52 lakh for freshers has sparked outrage on social media.

"Our recent job posting for talent from non-engineering backgrounds, with a 3-year undergraduate degree has been grossly misrepresented. This job posting, with compensation of ₹2.52 lakh annually was only for candidates with a 3-year undergraduate degree and not for engineering graduates," Surya Gummadi, EVP and President, Cognizant Americas, said in a statement. The company said that its annual compensation for fresh engineering graduates ranges from ₹4 lakh to ₹12 lakh annually, depending on the category of hiring, skill set, and advanced industry accredited certifications.

"The compensation we offer for engineering graduates is highly competitive within the IT services peer group. Further, when we hire for entry level roles, we invest approximately ₹2 to 3 lakh per associate in the initial years to train, mentor and upskill in advanced technologies. This is for both engineering and non-engineering associates. Hundreds of our associates who joined us with a 3-year undergraduate degree, today hold key positions from Manager to Assistant Vice President across the company," Gummadi explained.

The company is also facing criticism for low hikes. Cognizant said, "The merit increases for this cycle are tied to both individual performance and macro industry dynamics... This recent pay hike is the 4th that most Cognizant's associates have received in the past 3 years."

BSNL likely to launch 4G services in Oct

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

STATE-OWNED Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is set to launch 4G services in thecountry soon, as the telco has completed trials in all circles.

According to a senior official, BSNL could launch its much-awaited 4G services for customers sometime in October 2024, as the trial results have been quite satisfactory. So far, the telco has set up around 25,000 4G towers across the country. Additionally, BSNL has started dispatching 4G SIMs to its customers.

"We have successfully trialed our 4G network in all circles and major cities, and the results have been promising. It is now time to launch our commercial 4G services. We will conduct a few more trials before formally launching the 4G services," said the senior official.

While private telecom providers such as Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea Limited are rolling out their 5G services, BSNL has primarily been offering 2G and 3G networks. Consequently, the telco has been losing subscribers to private operators. The telco lost 18 million customers in the last fiscal year, bringing its customer base to 88.06 million. The market share of BSNL has also decreased to 7.46% as of April 2024, while its competitors, private telecom operators, are cementing their position.

State-run BSNL lost 18 mn customers in FY24

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The delay in BSNL's 4G rollout is attributed to the government's directive for the company to use an indigenous network or India's own 4G stack.

A consortium led by the Tata Group received a ₹15,000 crore order from BSNL in May 2023 to install 4G sites nationwide, with Tejas Networks and government-backed C-DoT providing the necessary equipment and technology.

BSNL has also rolled out pilot 4G services in Punjab using indigenously developed technology from IT company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and the C-DoT-led consortium, onboarding around 800,000 subscribers. The company is currently in the process of deploying one lakh towers for 4G and 5G services across India.

In February 2024, the BSNL Employees Union (BSNLEU) urged the government to temporarily use Vodafone Idea Limited's network to provide 4G services, attributing the delay to issues with TCS in supplying or installing 4G equipment.

Last month, the Minister of Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia said he is closely monitoring BSNL's 4G launch progress, with daily targets set for the project.

"We are forming a Project Management Unit (PMU) that will set daily targets, which will be monitored by the Secretary and myself. I assure you we are working to expedite the process," said Jyotiraditya Scindia.

Our fight will continue, truth will prevail: Vinesh

Overwhelmed by the grand reception she received on her arrival from the Paris Olympics, wrestler Vinesh Phogat said that her fight against the WFI would continue. She reached her village in Balali around midnight. "Our fight has not ended and the fight will continue and I pray to god that the truth will prevail," said Vinesh while addressing the people.

FOOTBALL FANS PUT ASIDE RIVALRY TO JOIN PROTEST IN KOLKATA

Day after cancelled Derby, supporters of three of the biggest clubs in the city participate in protest; Bagan captain & India int'l Bose joins before demanding justice

(from left) East Bengal & Mohun Bagan supporters protest march against the alleged rape and murder of a doctor. Bagan captain Subhasish Bose joins the march. Fans & protesters gather at Salt Lake Stadium | PTI/X

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE/ AGENCIES @ Chennai/ Kolkata

CHANTS of 'we want justice' hung in the air. Flags of Mohun Bagan and East Bengal — two of the most iconic clubs in Kolkata's grand football history — fluttered as one. Fans of these clubs, who do not like each other, joined hands to fight for a common cause. On Sunday evening, the accepted socio-cultural fabric of Kolkata, some of which is divided based on football fandom, were put on hold as they all demanded justice and protested the alleged rape and murder of a doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital.

The protesting fans were joined by Bagan captain and India international, Subhasish Bose, as the evening wore on. "I've come here as a commoner," he said. "Justice is needed to ensure that this incident is never repeated. The culprits should receive proper punishment. We will continue our protests until justice is served," said Bose while his wife was seen showing a placard with 'We want justice. Justice for RG Kar'. Before Bose joined the fans, the spectators were there in their hundreds. It swelled beyond the four-digit mark as the usually warring fans joined hands in rare display of unity.

A small but sizable number gathered outside the Salt Lake Stadium late on Sunday afternoon before exchanging placards, club flags and posters, a day after their Durand Cup match was cancelled, with local police citing the prevailing law and order situation. Supporters of Mohammedan Sporting, another club with a huge following in the city, joined the group.

As the protests spilled onto the busy EM Bypass and blocked traffic, police chased the agitators with canes in hand and detained some of them. Even though the police were somewhat successful in breaking the gathering, fans regrouped in small numbers and continued demanding justice.

All India Football Federation (AIFF) president, Kalyan Chaubey, also reached the site a while later and met the angry fans of the three clubs. "We want justice for the sister who was (allegedly) raped and murdered. Together, we (Mohun Bagan, East Bengal and Mohammedan fans) have assembled here peacefully. Why have so many policemen been deployed here? Why was the match cancelled? Don't we have the right to demand justice for the victim," asked Bittu Senapati, a Mohun Bagan supporter.

Police said prohibitory orders under section 163 of the BNSS were imposed in the area from 4 PM till midnight to prevent any disruption of peace. For defying the prohibitory orders, some of those who gathered here were detained, they said. As the police tried to whisk away those detained, the football fans tried to block the way of the vans. "We only have one demand, we want justice for the doctor and her family," an East Bengal supporter said, holding a festoon that said, 'Two clubs but one voice, justice for RG Kar.'

Police said there were intelligence inputs that attempts would be made to trigger violence during the match, because of which it was cancelled. "We had specific information that some groups and organisations would attempt to create disturbance in the stadium," a senior police officer said.

Ten years of unfinished business: Lyon on BGT

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

AUSTRALIA spinner Nathan Lyon referred to the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy against India at home as 'ten years of unfinished business' and a box to tick for several players in the squad.

Since winning the 2014-15 Border-Gavaskar 2-0, Australia have lost the next four series against India — two to Virat Kohli's side (2016-17, 2018-19), Ajinkya Rahane (2021) and Rohit Sharma (2023). Along with Lyon, Josh Hazlewood is another survivor from the 2014-15 series and conceded Australia's recent results against India present a significant hole in their record. "It's been ten years of unfinished business, it's been a long time, and I know we're extremely hungry to turn things around, especially here at home," Lyon was quoted saying *AAP*. "Don't get me wrong, India is an absolute superstar side and extremely challenging but I'm extremely hungry to turn things around and make sure we get that trophy back," he said.

Beating India in a Test series could tick a box in many players' CV, reckoned Hazlewood.

"There are quite a few players who have never beaten India in a Test series. It's quite astounding to say that," he said. "That's one we need to tick off, definitely, in particular at home — we should pretty much win every series here at home. That last series we obviously bowled them out for 36 in Adelaide and we thought here we go, (we are) back at home (and) confident on these grounds."

More than excitement, I'm preparing: Indrajith

GOMESH S @ Chennai

FOR the better part of the past decade, B Indrajith has been the name that does rounds every time an India A or a Duleep Trophy squad was announced. After all, he had been one of the consistent — and the most from Tamil Nadu — red-ball batters in the country.

Numbers say as much — 4155 runs at 62.01 in 53 games since the 2016-17 season. The chances to move up the ranks were not coming for some reason. Last season, however, something changed.

Indrajith, with 767 runs in 13 innings, played a vital part in Tamil Nadu's Ranji campaign as they reached the semifinal before losing to Mumbai, who went on to win the trophy. By the time the semifinal came along, Indrajith was the talk of the cricketing community. While he did not mind the attention, it also gave him a sense of validation that he must be doing something right.

So, when the Duleep Trophy squads were announced — Indrajith is in Team C — with his name on it, he was not entirely surprised. In fact, he was expecting it and at some level, was already preparing for it. "Yes, I am excited, but I have been preparing. I was expecting it this time around and I am ready," Indrajith tells this daily. "More than excitement, I am actually preparing so that I can give myself the best possible chance to perform well."

While he understands the significance of the opportunity and the expectations that are going to be there when he walks out to bat in Anantapur, Indrajith does not want to look ahead. He wants to focus on things he can control and give himself the best chance to prepare for it. He knew he had a very good season last year and decent ones before, so this chance is more or less a reward for years of consistency.

One of the things Indrajith had learnt over the years is that performances get noticed better when they result in the team's success. The past 12 months have been a testament to that. From reaching the semifinals of Vijay Hazare and Ranji to winning the Tamil Nadu Premier League title with Dindigul Dragons, Indrajith has been at the centre of his team's success. "TNPL is a very important tournament and it is always good to win trophies. This is what you learn even in Ranji. If you perform and reach the semifinal or final and win, the recognition and reward is bigger. If my batting is showing, winning the TNPL is also a reason. So I am happy that we reached the semifinals of Ranji, VHT and won the TNPL. All of these things are good things."

Tamil Nadu's B Indrajith will be playing for Team C in opening round of Duleep Trophy

Even as he continues to thrive on the field, one of the changes the 30-year-old has made is taking up journaling. "It is a new habit," laughs Indrajith. "I usually note a lot of things down on my phone, but I started writing recently. I am not a big book reader but wanted to develop that habit. In the past, I wrote something that made a difference. Diary or journaling is generally not my thing but I was speaking to a friend. We were talking about the importance of writing, it's something new and I have seen a lot of successful people have a pattern and this was one of the habits. I also wanted to try and it has helped. It gives me clarity and so it's been good."

As the focus shifts to red-ball cricket, with Indrajith getting ready to play for TNCA XI in Buchi Babu and Duleep Trophy, the TN batter has been training for it since the TNPL got over. With Ranji, too, beginning earlier than usual, Indrajith knows what is at stake and what he needs to do to throw his name in the ring for the Test team. "It's there. I don't want to say it, but its there. I have my goals and beliefs, I have written them and kept them. I know what lies ahead, but I keep reiterating myself to take one thing at a time," he says.

The first step is, of course, the Buchi Babu tournament. "I wanted to play Buchi Babu because four-day games are different. You need the time and fitness to adjust. Apart from that, we are playing against good teams in Haryana and Mumbai (in Coimbatore). So, no better preparations leading to the Duleep Trophy," he signed off.

Already an Ireland star, Orla's best yet to come

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

At one point in Ireland's chase of 260 against Sri Lanka in the first ODI at Civil Service Cricket Club in Belfast, the required run rate had gone beyond seven. Orla Prendergast had already passed her personal best score (71) in the format, but she needed to pull a rabbit out of a hat to keep Ireland in the contest. Just as she was looking to accelerate in the final six overs, the all-rounder lost Arlene Kelly and Alice Tector.

However, Prendergast kept her calm. With 21-year-old Jane Maguire by her side, she took on Sri Lanka's bowling to give Ireland an unlikely win against the newly-crowned champions of Asia. En route, she scored her first ODI century (122 not out) and that came on the back of her best-ever bowling performance (3/25) in the first innings. Naturally, Prendergast was awarded Player of the Match as former Ireland captain, Isobel Joyce was beaming with pride in the commentary box. "When she was around 15 or 16. She has always been the strong athlete. She was very much a bowler back then," Joyce told this daily.

"I don't remember seeing her bat that much. She was quick but we didn't see a lot of her because she spent so much time playing football. The aim was to keep her around cricket and the hope was that she would eventually come that way because cricket clubs were where her best friends were. In Ireland, when it comes to football, you enter the higher level after the age of 17. So she had to make a decision and around that time, (Cricket Ireland) was talking about contracts and it became more attractive. She started playing better with the bat."

Prendergast made her decision and what was football's loss was ultimately cricket's gain as the 17-year-old made her debut for Ireland in 2019 against Netherlands. One of the aspects that stuck with Joyce was how quick she was to adapt to conditions.

"When she came into the Super Series (domestic tournament), she was part of my team (Scorchers). In one of the matches, I remember the bowlers were bowling full and straight but because she was so quick, we kept on getting two runs. What was clear to me when I batted with her for the first time was that when I talked about tactics, she could pick it up right away," Joyce said.

In the second ODI against Sri Lanka on Sunday, Prendergast had to lead the side in the absence of Laura Delany and Gaby Lewis. In what ended up being a nail-biting finish with Harshitha Samarawickrama scoring her maiden ODI ton, Ireland managed to win the match and series. With that, Ireland have now registered their first series win in the Women's ODI Championship. And it would count as one of their biggest successes after failing to qualify for the T20 World Cup earlier this year.

"It is (ODI Championship) very important. Because the first thing you know is they are going to play continuous cricket. Playing the better teams, I think, has helped Ireland's bowling. Ireland played against Australia last year. If you have been there in pressure situations, it's easier to put a plan and see how you come through," Joyce said. For Prendergast, it is not over yet. According to Joyce, the cricketing world is yet to see the best of her.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Oz captain Cummins takes 8-week break

MELBOURNE: Australia Test captain Pat Cummins has taken an eight-week break to re-energise himself in his quest to lift the coveted Border-Gavaskar Trophy against India later this year. Cummins, who recently returned from the United States following his maiden stint in Major League Cricket, was rested for next month's white-ball tour of the United Kingdom.

Sinner, Swiatek stage Cincy fightbacks

CINCINNATI: World No ones Jannik Sinner and Iga Swiatek both turned around losing situations on Saturday to move into the semifinals of the ATP and WTA Cincinnati Open. Sinner prevented Andrey Rublev from repeating a triumph from last Saturday as he defeated the sixth seed in a 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 fightback. Swiatek worked to overcome teen Mirra Andreeva 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Ronaldo scores but Al-Nassr lose 4-1

ABHA (SAUDI ARABIA): Cristiano Ronaldo is still waiting for his first domestic trophy in Saudi Arabia after Al-Nassr lost 4-1 to Al-Hilal in the Saudi Super Cup on Saturday. The five-time Ballon d'Or winner scored the opening goal just before halftime in the season's curtain-raiser between Saudi Pro League champion Al-Hilal and runner-up Al-Nassr.

Kishan to the rescue for Jharkhand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

SKIPPER Ishan Kishan, once again, came to the fore for Jharkhand, helping the team beat Madhya Pradesh in the Buchi Babu invitational tournament hosted by Tamil Nadu Cricket Association at the India Cements Ground in Tirunelveli.

Starting the day with 37/1 in 15 overs, Jharkhand quickly got into trouble. They first lost Sharandeep Singh and Shikar Mohan followed. With Aditya Singh getting out to Adheer Pratap Singh, they were struggling at 101/4.

That is when Kishan walked in to bat. Even as he was settling in, Kumar Suraj fell and that triggered a collapse. From 134/4 they went to 135/6 first, and then to 162/8. In all this, Kishan held fort while continuing to play his natural game. He remained not out till the end with a 58-ball 41 to take Jharkhand home.

For his efforts, Ishan Kisham was named the Player of the Match

Meanwhile, Ayan Chaudhary's 5/5 came in handy for Indian Railways to thrash Gujarat by 139 runs in Salem. Railways bagged six points from this outing. **Briefscores: At Tirunelveli:** Madhya Pradesh 225 & 238 lost to Jharkhand 289 & 175/8 in 54.4 ovs (Ishan Kishan 41 n.o, Akash Rajawat 4/77, Adheer Pratap Singh 3/58). **PoTM:** Ishan Kishan (Jharkhand); **At Salem:** Indian Railways 570 & 138/5 decl **bt** Gujarat 227 & 342 in 105.3 ovs (Manan Hingrajia 102, Jaymeet Patel 92, Chintan Gaja 80, Ayan Chaudhary 5/85). **PoTM:** Ayan Chaudhary (Railways); **At Coimbatore:** Haryana 419 & 105/6 in 22 ovs (Musheer Khan 3/34) drew with Mumbai 245 & 321 in 112.3 ovs (Suryansh Shedge 66, Amit Rana 3/71). **PoTM:** Dheeru Singh (Haryana); **At Dindigul:** Chhattisgarh 278 & 276/2 in 72 ovs (Anuj Tiwari 85 n.o., Prateek Yadav 148 n.o.) drew with Jammu & Kashmir 587/9 decl. **PoTM:** Shubham Khajuria (J & K).

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Haaland scores as City begin campaign with win

AGENCIES @ London

CHAMPIONS Manchester City began the defence of their Premier League title with a 2-0 victory over Chelsea at the Stamford Bridge here on Sunday.

Erling Haaland, the Golden Boot winner from the previous season, scored the opening goal in the 18th minute of the tie. Mateo Kovacic, a former Chelsea man, sealed all three points for Manchester City with a superb strike in the 84th minute. The match marked Enzo Maresca's first match as a Chelsea manager.

Earlier, Brentford shrugged off the absence of Ivan Toney to get their season off to a flying start with a 2-1 win over Crystal Palace. Bryan Mbeumo and Yoane Wissa got the goals for the Bees, who had left out England international Toney over speculation surrounding his future. Toney has less than a year left to run on his contract with the London club and is attracting interest from Saudi clubs after his role in helping England to the Euro 2024 final. Brentford boss Thomas Frank said pre-match his side had shown last season they can cope without Toney. Marc Guehi did captain Crystal Palace despite the interest in him shown by Newcastle. Mbeumo raced onto Wissa's pass and cut inside Guehi before firing into the far corner.

Palace ended last season in sensational form under Oliver Glasner and will feel hard done by not to have earned at least a point. Eberechi Eze had a brilliantly executed near post free-kick harshly ruled out for a foul by Will Hughes when the score was still level at 0-0. A bright Palace start to the second half was rewarded when Ethan Pinnock turned Daniel Munoz's header into his own goal. Seconds later, Odsonne Edouard slotted home Eze's pass only to be denied by a marginal offside decision. Instead it was Brentford who grabbed the vital third goal.

Manchester City's Erling Haaland scores his side's opening goal on Sunday | AP

Barcelona down Valencia

VALENCIA: Robert Lewandowski struck twice for Hansi Flick's Barcelona to deliver a battling 2-1 win at Valencia in their La Liga opener on Saturday. The German coach celebrated his first competitive match at the helm with three points as Barca came from behind against Ruben Baraja's solid Valencia side. Hugo Duro sent the hosts ahead after 44 minutes but Polish striker Lewandowski levelled from close range before the break and netted a penalty early in the second half.

British Deputy High Commissioner in Chennai Oliver Ballhatchet, and the Director of the British Council, South India, Janaka Pushpanathan talk about all things UK

PLATFORM 9¾ TO HIGHER EDUCATION

THE UK'S ALLURE FOR INDIAN STUDENTS

A GLOBAL network, vibrant cultural experiences, innovative research, and world-class educational institutions — these are just a few of the reasons why the United Kingdom (UK) continues to be one of the most sought-after study destinations for Indian students. Over the years, the UK has maintained its prestige as a hub for higher education.

In an exclusive interview with *EdexLive*, Oliver Ballhatchet, British Deputy High Commissioner in Chennai and Janaka Pushpanathan, Director of the British Council, South India, explores what makes the UK such an attractive destination for Indian students, the student visa process, and the various opportunities that are available.

● What makes the UK one of the most attractive study destinations for Indian students?
The UK boasts world-class educational institutions known for their academic excellence and cutting-edge research facilities. There is a range of courses one can pursue, from traditional subjects to new-age fields like Artificial Intelligence (AI), machine learning, robotics, and more.

The availability of various scholarships and financial aid options make quality education more accessible. Moreover, the UK's strong industry connections and emphasis on employability skills ensure that students are well-prepared for successful careers globally.

● Could you take us through the student visa process?
Applying for a student visa is a standard process as outlined in our website *www.gov.uk*. To kickstart the process, you must have secured admission for a course from any of the universities in the UK with or without scholarship(s).

We recommend commencing the process as quickly as one can so as to avoid the last-hour rush.

In case of self-funding, you must show adequate proof of funds and competence in the English language. We recommend commencing the process as quickly as one can so as to avoid the last-hour rush.

The student visa allows one to study and work as a student union sabbatical officer. Students might also be able to work — how much depends on what they're studying and whether they're working in or out of term-time.

There remains no cap on overall student numbers.

● Can you tell us about the various scholarships available for Indian students?
The UK government's Chevening Scholarships, funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and partner organisations, covers a fully funded one-year master's degree in the UK. The fully funded scholarship is available for a wide range of master's courses at UK universities, fields including Law, Business, International Relations, Environmental Science and Education amongst others. Applications for the 2025-2026 Chevening Scholarships and fellowships are now open.

The UK government also funds Commonwealth Scholarships to support postgraduate students from Commonwealth countries, including India. These scholarships, awarded based on academic merit and potential contributions to the applicant's home country, cover tuition, living expenses, and travel costs for studies in fields such as science, technology, engineering, medicine, and social sciences.

At British Council, we offer scholarships worth approximately £1 million, which include the GREAT Scholarships and Women in STEM Scholarship. In collaboration with the UK's GREAT Britain campaign and various UK universities, we are proud to offer approximately 25 postgraduate scholarships to Indian students across a variety of subjects such as Finance, Marketing, Business, Psychology, Design, Humanities, and more.

In addition to this, our STEM Scholarship programme underscores our support for women in STEM fields from India and other South Asian countries. This initiative, which reserves approximately 25 scholarships for female scholars, is designed to empower women who aspire to lead and inspire future generations in STEM careers. The programme offers vital financial support and aims to promote gender equality in STEM education.

INDIAN NATIONALS RECEIVED
1,20,100
STUDY VISAS TILL DECEMBER 2023

JANAKA PUSHPANATHAN, Director, British Council, South India

OLIVER BALLHATCHET, British Deputy High Commissioner in Tamil Nadu

● Recently, the UK launched the Young Professionals Programme (YPS) for Indian nationals. Can you tell us more about it?
The Young Professionals Scheme is a bespoke, reciprocal scheme under which UK and Indian nationals who are aged 18-30 will be able to live, study, travel and work in the other country for up to 24 months.

There are limited numbers on the scheme and places will be competitive. Indian applicants will need to obtain an invitation to apply by first being successful in a ballot, with successful applicants being chosen at random. The first ballot of 2024 opened for applications from February 20 to 22.

However, this is just in addition to the existing visa schemes and routes. If some of the young professionals are unable to secure a Young Professionals Scheme visa, they would still have access to alternative routes.

● What is the new government's stance on international students? As the sentiment is that the Labour Party sees international students as valuable contributors, not migrants.
At the most recent Embassy Education Conference, the new Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson has spoken clearly about the new party's stand on international students. This government very much sees education as a unifier, building new bridges between our nations by joining forces in education.

The message is loud and clear — international students are welcome in the UK and the government very much values their contribution — to the UK universities, the communities and to the country.

UK and immigrants

Timeline of major immigrant policies

The political landscape in the United Kingdom has recently undergone significant changes, culminating in the end of nearly 14 years of Conservative dominance. These shifts have had considerable implications on education policies, particularly for international students. With a new government in place, there is a lot to look forward to. Here is a timeline outlining key political changes and their impact on UK education policies.

2010 The Conservative Party, led by David Cameron, forms a coalition government with the Liberal Democrats. Immigration policies begin to tighten, impacting international student regulations.

2011 Introduction of stricter rules for international students, including tighter controls on student visa extensions and work rights.

2015 The Conservative Party wins a majority, with David Cameron continuing as Prime Minister. Policies tighten further regarding student visas and post-study work opportunities.

2016 The Brexit referendum results in the decision to leave the European Union, setting the stage for changes in immigration and trade policies.

2019 Boris Johnson becomes Prime Minister and continues the trend of stringent immigration policies. The government emphasises reducing net migration and addresses illegal immigration.

2022 Rishi Sunak becomes Prime Minister. His government proposes cancelling the Graduate Visa Route, which allows international students to work or seek employment for two years post-graduation. This proposal faces significant criticism from international students and stakeholders.

2023 The Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) reviews the Graduate Route and recommends its continuation despite earlier proposals to cancel it. This decision is welcomed by international students and educational institutions.

January 2024 The UK government introduces new visa restrictions, including stopping visas for dependents of students, except for research students. This results in an 80% drop in the number of dependents and a notable decrease in student visa applications.

March 2024 New policies bar migrant care workers from bringing their partners and children. Additionally, international students are restricted from switching from the student route to work before completing their studies.

May 2024 The UK government announces an increase in the minimum earnings threshold for Skilled Worker visas to ₹40.8 lakh. The aim is to curb immigration abuse and reduce net migration, though this could deter skilled professionals and impact the UK's ability to recruit global talent.

2024 (Post-Election) The Labour Party, led by Keir Starmer, wins the election, ending nearly 14 years of Conservative rule. The new government signals a shift towards more immigrant-friendly policies and expresses a commitment to improving relations with India. This includes pursuing a "new strategic partnership" and working towards a swift conclusion of the UK-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

Your Guide
to the United Kingdom in short

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW: The UK, located in the northwestern part of Europe, is made up of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. While the UK Parliament, based in Westminster, London, is the main legislative body of the union, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland have their own parliaments or assemblies with varying degrees of power.

LONDON

London is one of the leading financial and cultural capitals of the world. It offers immense opportunities, a cosmopolitan crowd, and a rich history. With its reputation and being home to some of the top educational institutes, London is one of the most popular destinations for students.

Cost of living: London is the most expensive city in the UK. The monthly cost of living for a student is approximately **£1,300 to £1,800.**

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES:
● University College London ● Imperial College London ● London School of Economics and Political Science ● King's College London ● Queen Mary University of London ● Brunel University

MORE AFFORDABLE AREAS:
● East London (Stratford, East Ham, Upton Park): Rent is generally lower, ranging from **£600 to £900 per month** for a shared apartment. ● North London (Harrow, Wembley): Rent ranges from **£700 to £1,000 per month**

FUN FACT: London is home to the iconic Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, a reconstruction of the original Globe Theatre where Shakespeare's plays were performed in the late 16th century.

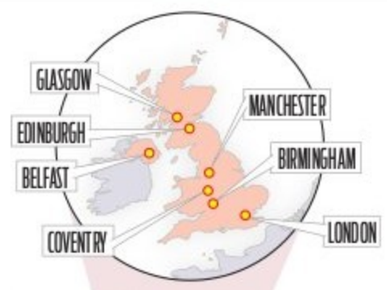
MANCHESTER

Manchester is known for its vibrant culture, excellent universities, and relatively affordable living costs. It is also home to two of the most popular and revered football clubs — Manchester City and Manchester United — making it especially appealing to football fanatics.

Cost of living: Monthly expenses range from **£800 to £1,200**

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES: ● University of Manchester ● Manchester Metropolitan University ● Royal Northern College of Music

MORE AFFORDABLE AREAS:
● South Manchester (Fallowfield, Withington): Rent ranges from **£500 to £700 per month** ● North Manchester (Salford, Cheetham Hill): Rent ranges from **£450 to £650 per month**



BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham is the second-largest city in the UK, known for its industrial heritage and diverse student population. It offers a mix of city life with relatively lower living costs.

Cost of living: The average monthly expenses for a student range from **£850 to £1,200**

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES:
● University of Birmingham ● Aston University ● Birmingham City University

MORE AFFORDABLE AREAS:
● Selly Oak: Rent ranges from **£400 to £600 per month** ● Edgbaston: Rent ranges from **£450 to £650 per month** ● Handsworth: Rent can be as low as **£350 to £600 per month**

FUN FACT: The famous author of The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit spent much of his early life in Birmingham. He is buried in Wolvercote Cemetery, Oxford, but his connection to Birmingham is celebrated in the city.

COVENTRY

Coventry, located in the heart of England, is a city with a rich medieval history and a strong student community. It's home to Coventry University and the University of Warwick, both of which draw a diverse student population.

Cost of living: Monthly expenses range from **£700 to £1,000**

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES:
● Coventry University ● University of Warwick

MORE AFFORDABLE AREAS:
● Earlsdon: Rent ranges from **£400 to £600 per month.** ● Stoke: Rent ranges from **£350 to £550 per month**

BELFAST

Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, is known for its rich history, affordable living, and quality education. Though smaller compared to other major UK cities, it offers a close-knit student community and beautiful landscapes. If you're a fan of good beer or a lively night out, Belfast is also renowned for its vibrant pub culture.

Cost of living: Monthly expenses range from **£600 to £900**

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES:
● Queen's University Belfast ● Ulster University

MORE AFFORDABLE AREAS:
● South Belfast: Rent ranges from **£350 to £550 per month** ● East Belfast: Rent ranges from **£300 to £500 per month**

FUN FACT: Belfast is the birthplace of the legendary Titanic, which was famously constructed in the city's Harland & Wolff shipyard.

EDINBURGH

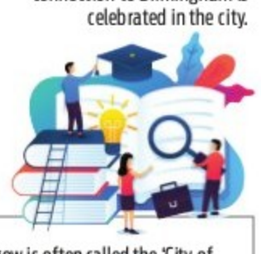
Edinburgh, Scotland's capital, is renowned for its historical and cultural significance, as well as its prestigious universities. It provides a unique blend of tradition and modernity, making it a desirable location for students.

Cost of living: Monthly expenses range from **£800 to £1,200.**

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES:
● University of Edinburgh ● Heriot-Watt University ● Edinburgh Napier University

MORE AFFORDABLE AREAS:
● Leith: Rent ranges from **£450 to £700 per month.** ● Gorgie/Dalry: Rent ranges from **£400 to £650 per month.**

FUN FACT: Edinburgh is known as the 'City of Literature' due to its rich literary history and the fact that it was designated a UNESCO City of Literature in 2004.



GLASGOW

Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, is known for its vibrant arts scene, impressive architecture, and friendly locals. It's a city that never sleeps, offering students a mix of cultural experiences and exciting nightlife.

Cost of living: Monthly expenses range from **£750 to £1,100.**

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES: ● University of Glasgow ● Glasgow Caledonian University ● University of Strathclyde

MORE AFFORDABLE AREAS: ● West End (Partick, Kelvinbridge): Rent ranges from **£450 to £700 per month.** ● Southside (Shawlands, Govanhill): Rent ranges from **£400 to £650 per month.**

FUN FACT: Glasgow is often called the 'City of Music' and for good reason. It's one of the UNESCO Cities of Music, with live music happening every night in venues like King Tut's Wah Wah Hut, where famous bands like Oasis were discovered.

WHY CHOOSE THE UK?

Vijay Kumar, *Oxford University, Master's in Digital Marketing*

The UK's post-study work visa is a significant factor in my decision to study here. In the US, you can't get a dependent visa. Canada's climate is too hot, and Australia has higher levels of racism and related issues compared to the UK. Thus, for an English-speaking country, the UK seemed like the best option.

Satyam Gadakari, *Bachelor of Science in Politics and Economics, King's College London*

I was interested in pursuing a double major in Politics and Economics. All the Russell Group universities offered the course. Opportunities in India were limited, and there were not many options in the USA, so, naturally, the UK became my choice for a study destination.

Vasikar Sathiyamoorthy, *Bachelor's in Management & Marketing, University of Warwick*

To be honest, the years I have spent studying and residing in the UK have been among the best years of my entire life. The UK offers social, networking, academic, and other life-shaping opportunities like no other place or any other country truly does. I am grateful for my time in the UK.

TIPS FOR STUDYING IN THE UK

VOX pop

A pro tip I would like to offer is to learn to take care of yourself and develop basic sustaining skills like cooking, cleaning, and other chores. It is crucial, and it can be quite challenging to manage life without learning these very essential skills.

My advice would be that the education system in the UK is really quite different from what we are used to in India. It might take some time to adjust, but surely, you will eventually figure it out. Also, be prepared for the weather; it can be quite gloomy, and it gets dark early, around 3 or 4 pm.

It can be intimidating when you are here alone, so socialise. I have been involved in Indian National Student Association (INSA-UK), an association for the Indian student community. They host events, and I have had amazing experiences, like hosting politician Raghav Chadha and actor Parineeti Chopra.

POPULAR SUBJECTS

Subjects	Population studied, 1st degree	%
Medicine & Dentistry and Veterinary Science	7,330	99.3
Subjects Allied to Medicine	15,905	95.0
Biological Sciences	19,680	90.6
Agriculture & related subjects	1,335	89.3
Physical Sciences	9,195	88.8
Mathematical Sciences	3,630	88.9
Computer Sciences	7,330	81.8
Engineering & Technology	9,360	85.9
Architecture, Building, and Planning	4,280	86.3
Social Studies	17,970	89.8
Law	8,505	93.3
Business & Administrative Studies	20,200	88.4
Mass Communications & Documentation	5,795	85.3
Languages	13,225	90.4
Historical & Philosophical Studies	10,290	89.3
Creative Arts & Design	21,485	86.8
Education	9,265	95.2
Combined subjects	535	90.0
All subjects	1,85,310	89.9

Source: HESA

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DAY'S DIARY

Spacecraft launch

Sputnik 5 was launched in 1960 from Baikonur Cosmodrome into a roughly 306 x 340 km altitude orbit with a period of 90.7 minutes by USSR

DESCRIPTION

The spacecraft, also referred to as Korabl Sputnik 2 carried two dogs, Strelka and Belka, in addition to a television system and other scientific instrumentation

STORY

By the end of the 1950s, the USSR was already prepared to send the first human into space. However, they sent man's best friend, dogs, first

AFTER THE FLIGHT

On August 20, 1960, Sputnik-5 landed after completing 17 orbits around the Earth. Belka and Strelka spent more than 25 hours in space

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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'HADN'T IMAGINED THIS IN MY WILDEST DREAMS'

Stills from the film

Kannada films made a big splash at the 70th National Film Awards. Amongst the *Kantara*(s) and *KGF*(s), *Madhyantara* – the debut project of an ardent filmmaker who started as a humble light boy – managed to hold its own with two awards

> *You hear a lot about feature films. But when a film like Madhyantara wins, which people hardly know about, the feeling is something else*
>
> Dinesh Shenoy, filmmaker

MONIKA MONALISA

FILMMAKER **Dinesh Shenoy** was shooting on St Mark's Road on Friday when he got the news that the editor of his film *Madhyantara* is to be honoured for best editing in a non-feature section at the 70th National Film Awards. He immediately called Suresh Urs to share the news. A few minutes later, he got a call from Urs and this time, Shenoy was being congratulated. Initially puzzled, Shenoy later realised that his short had also won big – The best debut film of a director award.

Having been an ad and corporate filmmaker since his late 20s, Shenoy took a turn towards cinema in his 50s with *Madhyantara*. But he reveals that it was never supposed to be a short film. "I actually wanted to make a feature-length film. I have been doing ad and corporate films and made this short film as a different way to pitch my idea to producers, more like to convince them that I could work with a feature-film format," shares the 56-year-old, adding that getting a National Film Award for his effort was never really on his mind. "I hadn't imagined this [winning] in my wildest dreams," he says. However, he still hopes he can turn it into a feature film when he finds a producer who believes in the project.

Set in Bengaluru of the '80s, *Madhyantara*, which translates to intermission, is the director's ode to Kannada movies and the people who work passionately on them. The genesis of the story began during the Covid-induced lockdown when Shenoy came across interviews with technicians and a producer who worked in the Kannada film industry. "What was fascinating about the interview was they were talking about the movie which I had watched during my childhood. In one of the interviews, a producer revealed a story where he and his best friend shared a single movie ticket, where one watched the movie from the beginning to interval and the other watched the second half," says Shenoy, whose eureka moment was right then, leading him to create his main characters, Raja and Kumara.

The film follows two friends with a deep passion for movies and their journey to become filmmakers. The film uses understated humour with a lot of the plot being inspired by Shenoy's own experience with filmmaking. "I studied cinematography but when I ventured into filmmaking, I could not find my footing. I didn't get a job immediately so I started my career as a light boy, just like my characters, Raja and Kumara in the films," Shenoy shares.

With homages to Kannada superstars Dr Rajkumar and Ambareesh, the short is also a treat to cinephiles and enthusiasts of regional cinema. "It was important to get the costume and hairstyle right. I got in touch with a photographer friend who had categorised his shoots from different eras. That became the base of most of the looks," says Shenoy.

Shenoy is quite happy that his film is sharing the spotlight with films like *Kantara* and *KGF: Chapter 2*. "You hear a lot about feature films. But when a film like *Madhyantara* wins, which people hardly know about, that feeling is something else," says Shenoy.

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a seasoned hospitality professional with a rich background in business development, sales, and marketing with renowned hotels and F&B companies. With an unwavering passion for food, travel, and wines, he takes great delight in sharing his insights and experiences as a columnist.

GRUB HUB

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Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first-prize winner will get a voucher worth ₹2,000 from Long Boat Brewing Co**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Amaranth
2) Einkorn 3) Farro

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Lavanya S
2) Rajesh
3) Selva T

CELESTIAL STRINGS

The debut album of musicians Trina Basu and Arun Ramamurthy, Nakshatra, is an invitation to embark on a journey through the stars, guided by two masterful violinists blending Carnatic harmonies with Western classical music

POOJA DAS

FROM the disciplined elegance of Western classical to the intricate melodies of South Indian Carnatic music and the spontaneous flow of jazz, the violin finds itself at home in many worlds. And as one sees violinists and couple Trina Basu and Arun Ramamurthy perform, it is almost surreal to experience the versatility, the free-flowing notes which not only create a global symphony but mark a poetic conversation that transcends borders.

During their recent performance of their debut album Nakshatra in the city, the New York-based violinists share their ties to India and the South. Ramamurthy's journey began in New Jersey, where he was born to Indian immigrant parents. His father is from Bengaluru, while his mother grew up in Andhra Pradesh. They immigrated to the US in 1970 and Ramamurthy grew up studying both Western classical violin and Carnatic music in New Jersey. His studies, focusing on Carnatic music, brought him to India, where he trained under renowned Carnatic musicians in Chennai and Mysuru.

Basu, originally from Miami, Florida, began her musical journey in the realm of Western classical music, but her Indian heritage subtly influenced her path. "My father is Bengali, from Kolkata, so we would travel to India every few years to visit my family. Indian music was an influence in my life, but I didn't really start getting into it and studying it until my early 20s," she shares.

Together, Basu and Ramamurthy have spent over a decade developing their style. "Our music blends many things," says Ramamurthy. The debut album is a reflection of their life experiences and their shared musical journey. The name, which means 'star' or 'constellation' in Sanskrit, symbolises the alignment of different musical traditions.

"We started composing music for this debut album, which was released in 2023, after working on it for over seven years. It's music that reflects different aspects of our lives. We have a song called *Migration*, which honours our families' journeys as immigrants coming from India to the US," says Basu.

Not only their heritage, but the couple has also composed pieces to honour the Black Lives Matter movement. *Healer*, originally titled *For Elijah*, is a tribute to Elijah McClain, a young African American violinist who lost his life to police brutality. "This has been a long-standing issue in the US, but it gained more attention after George Floyd's death, who also suffered the same fate. Elijah McClain was a violinist, and as we learned more about him, we realised how peaceful, loving, and quiet he was. His story deeply touched us, so we wrote a song in tribute to him," says Ramamurthy.

Basu and Ramamurthy's approach to music is not merely about blending genres but creating a dialogue between them. "What we're trying to do with our music is transcend the boundaries of genre – not just mashing styles together but going into dialogue and having deep conversations within these styles," explains Basu. "We want to find ways to develop new language and sounds that are representative of who we are as individuals, which encompasses our identity as first-generation or second-generation Indian-Americans," she adds.

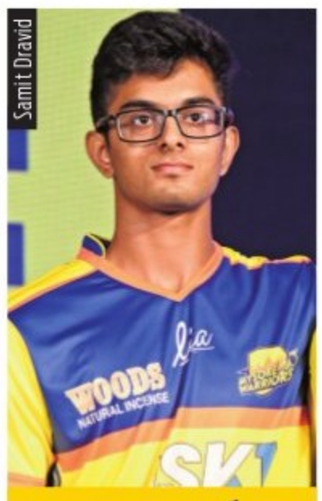
Following Nakshatra, Basu and Ramamurthy are already working on their second album, which will focus on their relationship with nature. Inspired by the environmental changes, they hope to address the impact of climate change through their music. This project promises to be as introspective as Nakshatra, continuing their exploration of themes that resonate on both personal and universal levels.

Arun Ramamurthy

Trina Basu

Cricketers Karun Nair and K Goutham speak to *CE* about the Mysore Warriors' title prospects at the ongoing Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20, the debut of Rahul Dravid's son, Samit Dravid, and more

K Gowtham



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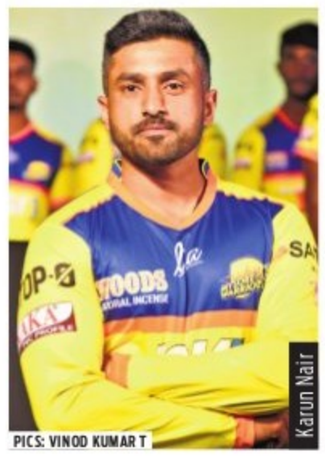

Karun Nair

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Match point

EXPRESS FEATURES

SAMIT DRAVID, the highly-rated emerging cricket talent and son of legendary cricketer Rahul Dravid, recently made headlines for his batting prowess, drawing comparisons to his father's brilliance. Making his debut for the Mysore Warriors in the ongoing Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 at M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Dravid junior is part of a strong, well-balanced squad that combines experienced players with rising stars. The team features seasoned cricketers like K Gowtham and Prasidh Krishna, with Karun Nair returning as captain.

"Samit is a player to watch out for. He has a great skill set, just like every player who has earned their spot on our team by excelling in their respective tournaments. He's ready, and I'm sure he'll showcase his skills and contribute to the team," says Nair about the young all-rounder's potential.

Gowtham also emphasises that despite being new to the team, Dravid junior is no rookie. "The maturity he shows and the way he conduct himself is impressive. When I was that age, I wasn't as composed or professional. Youngsters know exactly what they're doing and how to be professional cricketers. Maybe we tweak a few things here and there to help them improve, but I wouldn't label them as juniors," Gowtham adds.

The Mysore Warriors is eager to overcome last season's narrow loss in the final to the Hubli Tigers and secure the title this season. "Our goal is to win the tournament, but we're taking it one game at a time. We're not thinking too far ahead; we'll take it step by step," says Gowtham. "As a senior player, it's also important to guide everyone and bring the team together."

The team has made adjustments since last season, learning from past experiences. "We've tweaked a few things, made some strategic moves, but people will have to wait and see," Gowtham notes. Captain Nair adds, "We've tried to maintain the same experienced core from last year while adding a few new players we wanted, along with some familiar faces. I'm happy with the team combination."

CITY READ

PEACE RUN ORGANISED TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

St Claret PU College's 5K Claret Peace Run, held to commemorate the 78th Independence Day, saw participation from over 3,000 students, parents, and others. The event, designed to foster peace and unity, featured Deputy Financial Advisor to the Government of India Shreyas Hosur, who was also the first Indian officer to complete the Ironman held in Hamburg, Germany. Hosur flagged-off the run at the college premises in Jalahalli. A notable highlight was 84-year-old Srinivasan's successful completion of the 5K run.

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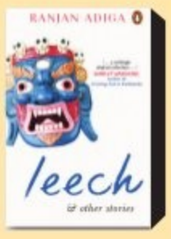
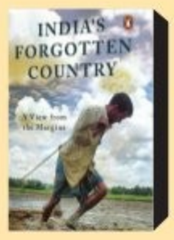


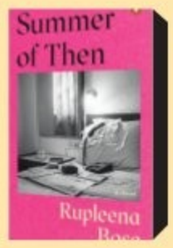
Leech and Other Stories
By Ranjan Adiga

A leech caught inside a man's nostril reveals fissures of class; a Nepali man tries to come to terms with his sexuality; a professor worries about his immigrant status; each story explores the distance between home and abroad, desire and reality, allegiance and treachery.



India's Forgotten Country
By Bela Bhatia

India's Forgotten Country captures Bela's early years as an activist in rural Gujarat, her research on the Naxalite movement, her investigations on violations of democratic rights in different regions, and her recent years dealing with the ongoing conflict between the state and Maoists in Bastar.



Summer of Then
By Rupleena Bose

'Summer of Then' is a debut novel that relishes the interiority of women, especially about the often-unsettling intimacies of relationships—sexual, romantic and platonic—against the trauma of sexual assault and harassment.

1965: Courage Unleashed
By Ian Cardozo

This narrative provides an in-depth exploration of 1965 Indo-Pak War, revealing the extensive and complex nature of the conflict. Major General Ian Cardozo, the first war-disabled officer of the Indian Army to command a battalion and a brigade, brings a unique and deeply personal perspective to the events of the 1965 war.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

A mother clicks a picture of her daughter during their visit to Kundapura Kannada Habba at Palace Ground, held on Sunday | **ALLEN EGENUSE J**

QUICKFIX

SCRAMBLED EGGS AND SPINACH TOAST

INGREDIENTS
- **Eggs:** 2
- **Spinach leaves:** 1/4 cup
- **Butter:** 1 tbsp
- **Bread:** 2 slices
- **Avocado:** 5 slices
- **Salt and pepper to taste**

METHOD
- Butter one side of the bread slices.
- Toast in a pan on medium heat for a minute. Keep aside.
- Crack the eggs in a pan. Scramble them.
- Add spinach leaves to the scrambled eggs. Stir well.
- Put the scrambled egg and spinach mixture on the toasted bread slices.
- Garnish with avocado. Serve hot.

Contributed by **Vipin Sharma**, Delhi

ASK AN XPERT

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The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi.

My dog is a neutered 6-year-old female half stray. She has no walking etiquette and picks up a fight with other dogs on the walking track. How do I make her behave?

It is really stressful to realise that your pet is causing nuisance to other pets and can't enjoy the wilderness. The behavior of your pet in an external environment is a reflection of how the pet is treated at home. I often suggest my clients that they should be 'firm and assertive' while dealing with pets at home. Strict verbal command of 'NO' should be a clear indication for your pet to adjust the behaviour. The paternalistic nudge should rely and reinforce through means of attention and food. If you fail to instill a change through such means, use 'I & I'. Isolate and ignore her for at least few hours each time she misbehave or doesn't listen to you. Having, tried such measures, don't forget to reward her each time she listens to you or obeys your command.

FITBIT

PADADHIRASANA

(THE BREATH BALANCING POSE)

This is a beginner-level meditative or pre-meditative pose. This pose helps students to regulate the breath and prepare for meditation. It is practised by students who have difficulty in getting into Siddhasana or Padmasana pose. This pose is more comfortable, which can be held for longer durations while meditating. Spiritually, it is said that it opens the flow of prana energy of the Ajna (Third eye) Chakra. It helps to tone the abdominal muscles, maintains a state of calm and balances the flow of energy.

STEPS
- Select a calm and nice place and then get into Vajrasana.
- Kneel with your toes crossing each other.
- Lower your body.
- Keep your hands on the knees and set your gaze on a point while keeping your head and neck straight.
- Now, breath deeply while sitting in this position.
- Close your eyes while breathing and focus on the eye center and try to calm your mind.
- Cross the arms in front of the chest, placing the hands under the armpits with the thumbs pointing upward.
- Make sure your spine stays erect.
- The point between the thumb and index finger should be firmly pressed.
- Close your eyes and become aware of the breathing process.
- Stay in the final position of Padadhirasana for about 15-20 minutes or for as long as you feel comfortable. Beginners can stay for 5-10 minutes or as long as they are comfortable.
- To release the pose, slowly straighten both the legs and lie down on the floor.
- Finally, you can relax for a few seconds and get back to the original position.

BENEFITS
- Strengthens the digestive system and reproductive system.
- Increases the blood flow in the stomach and pelvic area.
- Aids in getting rid of acidity.
- Helps in aiding liver function.
- Reduces pain in the lower back and spine like sciatica.
- Calms the mind and nervous system.
- Effective in reducing belly fat.
- Helps in the treatment of varicose veins and urinary problems.
- Helps in balancing the mind, increases the power of concentration, and induces physical and mental relaxation.
- Refreshes and rejuvenates your thoughts.
- Useful when one or both of your nostrils are blocked.

LIMITATIONS
- Students who have had any knee or ankle or spinal injuries or undergone any surgeries recently, should avoid this practice.
- Women during pregnancy should keep their knees and legs away from each other to prevent excess pressure on the abdomen.
- People who are suffering from hernia and intestinal ulcers or any ailments, should practice safely under the guidance of a yoga expert.
- Senior citizens who are not new to yoga can practice this pose, keeping the bolster under their knees for support.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Flavours Galore
Join a four-day celebration of food, featuring a diverse selection of food stalls offering exquisite delicacies. Enhance the experience with the spiritual charm of Jhulan Yatra, where participation in the traditional swinging ceremony of Sri Radha and Krishna is offered.
WHEN: August 19, 10.30am **WHERE:** ISKCON Temple and Goshala, Thanisandra Main Road **DETAILS:** allevents.in

Join this Bollywood party filled with the best beats and non-stop dancing with DJ NY and Talon spinning some foot-tapping music.
WHEN: August 19, 9pm **WHERE:** Happy Brews, Koramangala **DETAILS:** insider.in

Laugh Out Loud
Watch as some of the best local comedians experiment with new material. The lineup includes experienced English and Hindi comics who have supported renowned acts.
WHEN: August 20, 8.30pm
WHERE: Klayworkz Barista, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

A SLICE OF CULTURE
Experience four dances pieces inspired by thought-provoking phrases from ancient texts. These performances explore profound themes, blending traditional Odia theatre styles with dance to create a unique and captivating experience. **WHEN:** August 19, 7pm
WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur **DETAILS:** bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Clay Connection
Step into a realm of love and artistry with a special Couples Pottery Workshop, where you and your partner craft ceramic treasures, shaping your bond into exquisite creations, in an experience that's as unique as your love story.
WHEN: August 19, 1pm
WHERE: Small World, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Rhythm & Flow
Transform your fitness journey at this dance fitness workshop, where a refreshing blend of Zumba, aerobics, and dynamic fitness techniques promises an enjoyable and highly effective full-body workout.
WHEN: August 19, 11am
WHERE: New York Dance Classes, BTM 2nd Stage
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Poetic Evenings
Share your love for poetry with like-minded individuals and bond over your collective passion for the art form at this poetry event.
WHEN: August 20, 7.30pm
WHERE: Urban Solace, Halasuru
DETAILS: allevents.in

ARTCORNER

SUN-KISSED HILLS
Delhi-based artist Sunny Mandawi's 'Yelagiri Hills' portrays an afternoon at a hamlet in Tamil Nadu.

Nissan's new India plan is being rolled out with the launch of its massive SUV X-Trail. *CE* looks into the Japan-made muscular beauty and its performance

A HEAD TURNER

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

NISSAN fans in the country have been a little apprehensive about its business plans in India, as the company has only one model in the market right now. Though the value-for-money compact SUV Magnite continues to attract buyers, Nissan is in need of a much larger vision. But, no more negativity, please! Nissan has announced a clear strategy to win Indian hearts — five new models in three years. All SUVs, too.

They have launched the premium seven-seater SUV X-Trail, the sales of which started recently.

As part of its national media drive, I got hands-on experience with X-Trail last weekend in Gurugram. The SUV, in its 4th generation worldwide, comes to India with fully-built units from Japan. The vehicle has been a global icon, with over 7.8 million units sold over four generations. The 4th-gen was also in the Top 5 best-selling SUVs in 2023 worldwide.

However, all of this means, the vehicle will attract an export duty almost equal to its base price. Though the prices are not yet announced, it's inevitably in the 'premium' class. Let's discuss if the Nissan X-Trail suits this price tag.

Refined engine

The made-in-Japan X-TRAIL is equipped with what the company claims to be the world's first variable compression turbo engine. This is exactly what Nissan promotes as its biggest USP too. The new three-cylinder 1.5-litre petrol engine offers better performance, efficiency and smoothness.

On relaxed driving and light acceleration, the engine switches to a high compression ratio for optimised fuel efficiency; when more performance is needed, the compression ratio is adjusted to a low-level seamlessly.

The company has brought in a few new tech to its famed CVT gearbox too, erasing the so-called rubber-band effect. The delay in quick acceleration has become a thing of the past, with this new CVT box. The latest development, D-Step Logic Control is a computer software that uses dynamic inputs like vehicle speed, accelerator pedal position and application speed to determine the ideal gear ratio needed for smooth, constant acceleration. The model also comes with paddle shifters.

Its 12V mild hybrid system provides torque assist, extended idle-stop, quick restart and improved fuel economy. The engine produces 163HP power and 300Nm of torque.

During the test drive on highways and in the city, I felt the smoothness and refinement in the power train — no-lag, no-jerk, no annoying engine noise.

The look

X-Trail is a beauty at first glance. The exterior is highlighted by design elements such as the floating roof and V-motion grille. The split headlights are moulded within the front bumper, whereas the combined daytime running lights and indicators are nestled along the shut-line of the hood. It has 20-inch alloy wheels–the largest within the category. These larger diameter wheels fill the arches and add to the road presence. The headlamps, split rear lights are also LEDs.

The SUV is available in three colours, champagne silver, pearl white, and diamond black.

The inside, too, is carefully crafted. The cabin gives a feel of high quality. X-TRAIL has simple, intuitive heating/air-conditioning controls, as well as buttons that govern the central screen functions. The quality of the switchgear and buttons is commendable.

From the e-shifter, the drive mode selector and twin cup holders to the 15W wireless charger pad for smartphones are neatly laid out. There is a combined elbow rest for front-seat occupants, which has a 'butterfly' opening, to reveal good storage space for valuables.

However, compared to the dashboard of new-gen cars, the eight-inch infotainment touchscreen may be a generation behind. The 4.68-metre-long car has a seven-seat layout. The second-row seat has a 40/20/40 split option, with sliding and recline functions while the 3rd row has 50:50 seat fold.

The seats are very comfortable, though the X-Trail lacks the front seat ventilation feature. When the two rear seats are folded, the luggage capacity goes up to 585 litres. The flexible seat layout allows multiple configurations for luggage space. The seat material is fabric, which is ecco-friendly. Also, the panoramic sunroof is a nice touch.

The safety

Safety features include seven airbags, around-view monitor (AVM) with moving object detection (MOD), brake limited slip differential (BLSD), electronic stability controls (ESC), traction control system (TCS), hill-start assist (HSA), front and rear parking sensors, and four-wheel disc brakes. Lane-watch camera function or ADAS is not included.

The verdict

X-Trail is for those who love the engineering prowess of Nissan. The super performance that comes out of a small-car-like 3-cylinder engine of 1,498cc will definitely excite enthusiasts. The new CVT gearbox makes life much easier. X-Trail is a capable premium SUV for families too. The road presence is immense, thanks to the bold, aerodynamic design and the clean muscular body panels. During the test drive, the car got a mileage of 8-9 kmpl, whereas the company claims it is 13.7 kmpl. Some missing features may distract some; though those are minor issues.

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FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

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I, **(OLD NAME) MOHAMMED IMRAN SAYED,** S/o. Syed Habib Pasha, R/a No. 15, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, Opp to Sophiya Degree College, Shampura Main Road, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MOHAMMED IMRAN** vide affidavit Dated 17/08/2024 sworn to before Notary C.Sharada, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. **CHANDANA .M** S/o Muniraju .S, Residing at No.244, A K Colony, Lakshamma Layout, Begur, Bengaluru - 560068. Hereby declare as per my school records, Aadhar Card and Marriage Certificate my name is Mentioned as **CHANDANA .M** and in my other documents my name is mentioned as **CHETHAN**, Both the names belongs to me only henceforth my name will be **CHANDANA .M** only in all my records and correspondence. Vide affidavit dated 14.08.2024 sworn to before Notary, **K V Mani**, Bengaluru.

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I,**Sarala Prabhakaran** W/o Prabhakaran S residing at No.#74,2nd main, Subbannagarden,Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040 have changed my name to **Sarala Prabhakar** vide affidavit dated: 10/8/2024 Sworn before notary Onkarappa.N.R, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NARESH KUMAR JAYANTHILAL JAIN,** R/at No. 83, Rishabdev Basera, 7th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560 018 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **POOJA NARESH KUMAR JAIN** to **POOJA JAIN,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **POOJA JAIN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 7th August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JAGADISH,** R/at No. 60/14, Flat 205 KVM Residency, Chikka Annamma Temple Street, Bengaluru-560 002 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **DIKSHITA** to **DIKSHITA JAGADISH,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **DIKSHITA JAGADISH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **LAKSHMANA GOWDA GANGAIAH**, aged about 56 years, S/o. Late Gangaiah, Residing at Flat No. 302, Abhayam Residency, No. 649, 3rd Floor, 7th Cross, Near BEST Club, 4th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore - 560 098, do hereby state that, my date of birth is 12.07.1968. I hereby declare that **G. LAKSHMANA GOWDA, LAKSHMANA GOWDA GANGAIAH** and **LAKSHMANA GOWDA GANGANNA** are the names of one and the same person that is my self and wherever they occur, in all past or future records or documents refers to one and the same person, that's me. Vide affidavit dated 17.08.2024 sworn to before Puttaramaiah, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SHARADA DEVI HANUMANTHA RAJU**, aged about 46 years, D/o. Late Hanumantharaju, W/o Sri. G. Lakshmana Gowda, presently residing at Flat No. 302, Abhayam Residency, No. 649, 3rd Floor, 7th Cross, Near BEST Club, 4th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore - 560 098, do hereby declare that my date of birth is 07-03-1978. I state that, my father name is **HANUMANTHA RAJU. H.** and he is also called as **HANMANTHURAJU, HANUMANTHARAJU** and **HANUMANTHAIAH HANUMANTH RAJU** and he died on 13.08.2020. I state that, **SHARADA DEVI HANUMANTHA RAJU. H., SHARADADEVI HANUMANTHARAJU, SHARADA DEVI HANMANTHURAJU** and **SHARADA DEVI HANUMANTHAIAH HANUMANTH RAJU,** are the names of one and the same person and that is myself and wherever they occur, in all past or future records or documents refers to one and the same person, that's me. Vide affidavit dated 17.08.2024 sworn to before Puttaramaiah, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K SAMPATHRAJ MARLECHA,** S/o Kaluramji, R/at No. 20, Aastha 3rd Cross, Shankarpuram, Bengaluru-560 004 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SAMPATHRAJ KALURAMJI** to **K SAMPATHRAJ MARLECHA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **K SAMPATHRAJ MARLECHA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAVURI SUBBAMMA, mother of No 8036312Y Rank HAV (GD) Name VENKATA NARAYANA RAVURI, permanently residing at VPO- Seetanagulavaram, Dist-Prakasam, State Andhra Pradesh, PIN-523332 and currently residing Jai Jawan Nagar, Banaswadi, Post-MS Nagar, Bangalore-560033, have changed my name from **"SUBBAMMA" to "RAVURI SUBBAMMA"** vide Affidavit dated 16/08/2024 before Uday Kumar .K, Advocate and Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. **SUDDAPALLE JAGADEESH CHOWDARY,** aged about 47 years, S/o Suddapalle Venkata Ramanappa, Residing at Flat No.513, 5th Floor, Mahaveer Cedar Apartments, AGB layout, Near Sapthagiri Hospital, Chikkasandra Bangalore-560090, do hereby solemnly declare that I have changed our minor son's name from **S SAANVIK VAISHNAV CHOWDARY** to **SUDDAPALLE SAANVIK VAISHNAV CHOWDARY** vide affidavit dated 15.08.2024 sworn to before Advocate and Notary **Kodi Nagappaya,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AAQIB MUNEER** (Old Name) R/at No. 33/4, 5th Cross, Bangiyappa Garden, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560027 have changed my name to **AAQUIB MUNEER** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 17/8/2024 Before Notary **Sivakumara M.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, C.V.Deepak, S/o. Chikkavenkatappa, Aged about 45 years, R/at.No.159/E, 17th Main, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru - 560040. I have changed my minor daughter's name from **'Ksheerika Deepak'** to **'Ksheerika Rajarajeshwari Deepak'.** Vide affidavit dated 17.08.2024. Sworn before 1st Addl.Chief Metropolitian Magistrate, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JAGADISH,** R/at No. 60/14, Flat 205 KVM Residency, Chikka Annamma Temple Street, Bengaluru-560 002 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **URMILA** to **URMILA JAGADISH,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **URMILA JAGADISH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JITENDRA KUMAR,** S/o Parasmalji Nahar, R/at No. 74, Flat No. G-1, Parasmani Emarald Shankara Park, Bengaluru-560 004 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JITENDRA** to **JITENDRA KUMAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **JITENDRA KUMAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHANDRA KUWAR,** W/o Shyam Singh, R/at No. 488-A/47/75/1, 8th Main, 4th Cross, 2nd Block, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru-560 050 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHANDA DEVI** to **CHANDRA KUWAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **CHANDRA KUWAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AZEEMUDDIN M MOTHEKHAN,** Aged about 48 years, S/o Mahaboob Saheb Mothekhan, R/o No.FF-02, Ayaan Pride Apartment, Chamundinagar Main Road, R.T. Nagar Post, Kausar Nagar, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name from **Azeemudden Mahaboob Sab** to **Azeemuddin M Mothekhan,** vide affidavit dated 17/8/2024 sworn to before K.Ramegowda advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. SUDDAPALLE JAGADEESH CHOWDARY,** aged about 47 years, S/o Suddapalle Venkata Ramanappa, residing at Flat No.513, 5th floor, Mahaveer Cedar Apartments, AGB layout, Near Sapthagiri Hospital, Chikkasandra Bangalore-560090, do hereby solemnly declare that I have changed our minor son's name from **S SAANVIK VAISHNAV CHOWDARY** to **SUDDAPALLE SAANVIK VAISHNAV CHOWDARY** vide affidavit dated 15.08.2024 sworn to before Advocate and Notary **Kodi Nagappaya,** Bengaluru.

DECLARATION

I, **RANGANATH P BHAT,** aged about 36 years, S/o Sri. Parameshwar Bhat, R/at No.101, Block A, Lakvin Residency, Channasandra, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, 5th Stage, Bangalore - 560098. I further declare that all the names **RANGANATH P BHAT** and **RANGANATHA PARAMESHWARA BHAT** belongs to one and the same person i.e. myself only. Vide affidavit dated 09-08-2024 sworn before notary Mohammed Hussain K., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JITENDER CHOUDHARY C** (Old Name) R/at No.10, Bull Temple Road Cross, Mahanth Layout, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru 560019 have changed my name to **JITENDAR CHOUDHARY CHUTRARAM** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 17/8/2024 Before Notary **Sivakumara M.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRASAN KUMAR** S/o Kistoorchand Bhawarlal, R/at Flat No. B-1105, Salarpuria Melody, Nayandahalli Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560 039 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRASAN KUMAR KISTOORCHAND** to **PRASAN KUMAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PRASAN KUMAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **POORNIMA R HOLLA**, W/o Raghavendra T Holla, aged about 48years, Residing at No.894/26, 20th Main Road, 36th Cross, Jayanagar 4th T Block, Bengaluru - 560041, Karnataka do hereby declare that both the names i.e **POORNIMA ERAVAIL** and **POORNIMA R HOLLA** are one and the same refer to me only and henceforth I shall be known and called as **POORNIMA R HOLLA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 3.08.2024 sworn to before Neha Baddi, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SWEETY** W/o Jitendra Kumar, R/at No. 74, Flat No. G-1, Parasmani Emarald Shankara Park, Bengaluru-560 004 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SWEETY KUMARI JITENDRA** to **SWEETY,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SWEETY** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GLORIA SAMUEL**, W/o Samuel, age 42 years, R/o No. 1544, 5th Cross, Nanjappa Garden, Babusapalya, Bengaluru-560 043, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GLORIA .S** to **GLORIA SAMUEL,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **GLORIA SAMUEL** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14-08-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AYESHA A MOTHEKHAN,** previously called and known as GHOUSIA BEGUM D/o Ahmed Ali and W/o Azeemuddin M Mothekhan, Aged about: 44 years, R/o: No.FF-02, Ayaan Pride Apartment, Chamundinagar Main Road, Kausar Nagar, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name from **Ghousia Begum** to **AYESHA A MOTHEKHAN,** vide affidavit dated 17/8/2024 sworn to before K.Ramegowda advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUMAN H V, resident of #86, 20th Cross, 7th Main, NS Palya, BTM 2nd STAGE, Bangalore – 560076 have changed my name to SUMAN REDDY** Affidavit dated 16.08.2024 sworn before advocate and notary CN Balasubramanyam, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **YESAIAH YESUADIAN,** R/@ No. 33, 1st Floor, Jonaths Haven, Opp. Gangamma Devi Temple Road, Chelekere, Babusabpalya, Kalyananagar Post, Bengaluru-560043 India, have changed my name from **YESAIAH YESADIYAN** to **YESAIAH YESUADIAN,** vide affidavit dated: 27/05/2024, sworn to before Notary Public, **K. H. JAGADISH,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KARTHIGAYAN** (Old Name) R/at No.90/A, Shakthi Nilayam, Kothur, Doorvani Nagar, Bengaluru- 560016 have changed my name to **KARTHIGAYAN GOPANNAN** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 17/8/2024 Before Notary **Sivakumara M.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAJSHEKHAR** S/o Basavaraj, residing at No.17/27, 1st Floor 4th A Cross, Kathriguppe Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085, have changed my name as **RAJSHEKAR B. CHATTNALLI,** vide affidavit dated 16-08-2024 before Notary Public **ARAVIND PATIL G.G.,** B'lore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DURGARAM BISHNOI** S/o Kaluram, R/at No. 7, 60 Feet Road, Munikrishnappa Layout, Bengaluru-560 072 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from DURGARAM to **DURGARAM BISHNOI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **DURGARAM BISHNOI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LAXMANRAM** alias **LAXMANRAM PANWAR**, age 46 years, S/o Mr. HukmaRamji, R/at No. 19/3/23, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Near Mohan Theatre, Lakshmana Nagar, Hegganahalli Cross, Bangalore-560 091 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **LAXMANRAM** and **LAXMANRAM PANWAR** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **LAXMANRAM PANWAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16-8-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHARANABASAV** S/o Pampapati, age 31 years, R/o No. 164, 1st Ward, Near Bheeralingeshwara Temple, Singanhal, Koppal, Karnataka-583 282, today at Bangalore do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHARANABASAV** to **SHARANABASAV P,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHARANABASAV P** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16-08-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **JALANDHARA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Vimal Prabhu** S/o Vijayan, (Aadhaar no.990986322052), residing at Apsara Gold Apartment, GF 09, Akshayanagar, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru-560068, I declare that my names is **Vimal Prabhu** and my father's names are **1) Vijayan and 2) Vijayan Vennimalai,** the said names are of one and the same person respectively. I declare that my correct name is **Vimal Prabhu** and my father's name is **Vijayan** in my all-future Correspondence., vide affidavit dated 15/8/2024 sworn to before Aruna.V advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **B D SHARALA** legally wedded wife of **No. 13864595L Ex- Naik (TS) B B DEVAIAH** presently residing at **No.20, 21st Cross, 2nd Block, Akshaya Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016, Karnataka, have changed my name from B D SHARALA to SARALAKUMARI B D** my date of birth is **01/10/1962** vide Affidavit dated 17/08/2024 before GANGARAJU B.N, Advocate and Notary, Bangalore.

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Vinod Prabhakar's 25th film is titled *Balaramana Dinagalu*

CE FEATURES

KM Chaitanya, renowned for his gripping gangster drama Aa Dinagalu, is set to direct his 10th film, a collaboration with actor Vinod Prabhakar for his 25th cinematic venture. Titled *Balaramana Dinagalu*, the films marks the debut production for Padmavathi Jayaram and Shreyas under their banner, Padmavathi Films.

Speaking about the film, director K M Chaitanya expressed his enthusiasm, saying, "While my films may not always have an overt message, I believe in subtly conveying one. This film will continue that tradition. Shreyas selected the story, and I'm thrilled to collaborate with Vinod. *Balaramana Dinagalu* delves into the underworld while weaving in elements of society and politics. Inspired by real-life events, it's a fictional narrative that promises plenty of entertainment and isn't centered around a specific individual."

The team is set to unveil more exciting details and plans to introduce a major actor to the project on August 23.

Meanwhile, Vinod Prabhakar has two other projects, Maadeva and Lankasura currently at different stages of production.

Helmed by K M Chaitanya, the film is all set to add another big actor to its cast, with more details set to be announced on Aug 23

KM Chaitanya

'DIRECTING *POWDER* WAS A LEARNING CURVE'

A SHARADHAA

JANARDHAN Chikkanna, known for his acclaimed cyber-thriller *Gultoo*, is finally set to release his second film after a five-year hiatus. Shifting gears from sci-fi, Chikkanna returns with *Powder*, a full-fledged comedy thriller.

Despite making a name for himself with Gultoo, it took time for Janardhan to land his next project. "I want my films to have meaningful content, not just commercial appeal. Finding the right project took a while. Although I received many offers, I wasn't given the creative freedom I was looking for. Some projects didn't materialise, and I didn't want to direct just for the sake of it," explains the director, who let go of 4 to 5 projects. He further shares, "Cinema is a business, but you should be proud of your work and the art form. When you look back, it's important to feel satisfied with what you've created." With his previous film *Agnyathavasi* completed and awaiting release, Janardhan Chikkanna is now excited for *Powder*, which is all set to hit theaters on August 23.

Janardhan shares how *Powder* came together, explaining that his primary goal was to collaborate with KRG Studios, which has also partnered with TVF on this project. "I wanted to work with producers Karthik Gowda and Yogi G Raj. We had been in discussions intermittently for a couple of years, and that's how this project materialised," he says.

As a talented writer himself, Janardhan chose to direct *Powder* from a story penned by Deepak Venkateshan. "In 2020, I pitched a film to Karthik, but it wasn't the right time. Later, when *Powder* was in development, I came on board. I prefer focusing on direction, and while rewriting is part of my process, I believe directing is where I can best contribute," he states.

Janardhan admits that the world of *Powder*, as a subject, and a genre was new and unusual for him. "*Powder* has a comic flair, not the typical film I usually watch. It has a different flavour, and I had to adapt to its unique grammar, from script to screen. Comedy is straightforward, and it was a fresh challenge. I had to work hard to translate the story effectively, making significant changes to the climax to enhance both visuals and dialogues."

When it came to casting, Janardhan assembled a diverse ensemble, including Diganth, Sharmiela Mandre, Dhanya Ramkumar, Rangayana Raghu, Anirudh Acharya, Achyuth Kumar, Nagabhushan, and Gopal Krishna Deshpande among others. "The characters in the script naturally led us to the right actors. Casting was straightforward because we knew each actor's strengths. Jaggesh was added on Karthik's suggestion. His experience and presence were beneficial, especially in comedy. If we get a sequel, we plan to bring him back," Janardhan notes.

Focusing on individual actors, Janardhan praises Diganth for his portrayal of innocence and moral integrity. "Diganth's creativity is impressive. Sharmiela has a challenging, physically demanding role, which required her to undergo stunts training. Dhanya and Sharmiela bring valuable insights. Rangayana Raghu is versatile and has worked with me before, but this time in a more exaggerated role. Anirudh is full of energy. This is my first time working with Gopal Krishna Deshpande and Nagabhushan, who each bring unique qualities to their roles."

With many characters, Janardhan prioritised clarity for the audience, resulting in a rewritten climax. "I wanted to fully utilise each actor's potential and deliver a satisfying ending," he says. Drawing on his experience with *Powder*, the director explains, "Comedy is intricate, requiring precise timing and coordination among multiple actors. Directing *Powder* was a learning curve, but I grew increasingly fond of the process."

With Trilok Trivikram's witty dialogues and situational comedy, and Vasuki Vaibhav's music, Janardhan is satisfied with the final product. "Shanthi Sagar and Advaitha Gurumurthy's cinematography, along with Harikrishna's debut editing work, gave the film a playful and experimental feel," he says.

After *Gultoo* and now looking forward to *Powder*, Janardhan concludes, "I hope people judge my direction based on my craft rather than box office numbers, which I can't control. If they appreciate my work through these films, I believe I can engage them effectively."

... says *Gultoo* director Janardhan Chikkanna, as he discusses returning with Powder after a five-year gap and shares his experience working on the film, ahead of its release on August 23

Dark Matter Renewed for Season 2

CE FEATURES

APPLE TV+ renewed the sci-fi thriller, *Dark Matter*, for a second season. The first season, which consisted of nine episodes, ended on June 26. *Dark Matter* is based on Blake Crouch's 2016 novel of the same name and stars Joel Edgerton, Jennifer Connelly, Alice Braga, Jimmi Simpson, Dayo Okeniyi, and Oakes Fegley.

The plot revolves around Jason Dessen (Edgerton), a physicist who gets abducted into an alternate version of his life. As he tries to return to his reality, he also tries to get back to his true family. "In the process of writing and filming season one, we discovered that there's so much more story to tell, and we've only scratched the surface of these characters as they fight for survival and to find their way home through a landscape of mind-bending realities," said Crouch, who also serves as the showrunner.

Dark Matter is executive-produced by Matt Tolmach, Edgerton, and Jacquelyn Ben-Zekry. Tolmach said, "Seeing the Dessens' journey resonate with audiences has been extremely gratifying, and we can't wait to bring more of this world—and others—to life in season two."

Director Mansore embraces modern romance with *Doora Theera Yaana*

Mansore and Devaraj

CE FEATURES

NATIONAL Award-winning Kannada director Mansore is moving away from his usual intense, socially-driven films to explore a modern love story with his latest project, *Doora Theera Yaana*. Mansore recently made the announcement on his social media, writing, "It is my third project with D Creations, which has previously produced films like Act 1978 and 19.20.21."

The modern romance, produced by Devaraj of D Creations, stars Vijay Krishna and Priyanka Kumar as the leads. The film features music by Bakkesh-Karthik, cinematography by Shekar Chandra, dialogues by Chetana Theerthalli, and editing by Nagendra K Ujjani.

Recently, at the launch event during which the title teaser was revealed, Mansore said, "This is my fifth film as a director. I've changed my storytelling approach with *Doora Theera Yaana*. While the core of the story remains intense, I've made adjustments to fit the modern love theme."

He revealed that the film is a road movie, starting in Bengaluru and taking the characters on a journey to Goa. The male protagonist plays the violin, and the female lead is a flautist. "They are professional software engineers and they play the instruments as a hobby. The search for love between them is at the heart of *Doora Theera Yaana*," he shared.

A still from the film

Chandrajith Beliappa's *Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali* gets release date

CE FEATURES

CHANDRAJITH Beliappa's directorial debut, Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali, backed by Rakshit Shetty's Paramvah Studios, (Rakshit Shetty and GS Gupta) now has a release date. The romantic film, starring Vihaan and Ankita Amar, is set to hit theatres on September 5, coinciding with the Gowri and Ganesha festival.

Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali aims to capture the essence of classic romance while exploring its contemporary relevance and enduring appeal. The film has already unveiled three romantic tracks. Director Chandrajith Beliappa, a former writer for acclaimed films like Avane Srimannarayana and Kirik Party as part of Rakshit Shetty's 7 Odds writing team, previously helmed the Rainbow story in Katha Sangama.

Actor Girija Shettar (Geethanjali) is making a comeback with the film. The cast also includes Mayuri Nataraj, Aniruddh Bhatt, and Damini Dhanraj in pivotal roles. *Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali* will feature music composed by Gagan Baderiya, VFX handled by Pinaka Studios, and cinematography by Srivathsan Selvarajan.

A still from the film